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DONATION MADE: North Yemen head of state Ali Abdullah Saleh has given the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) about \$ 620,000, the Saudi press agency reported. The money is to benefit the Palestine people and came from a public collection during North Yemen's Palestine week, SPA said. It was given to the PLO office in Sanaa, capital of north Yemen.

Mo-Er may be cure for heart disease

BOSTON, Massachusetts, May 23 (AP) — Black tree fungus, a squishy, rubbery ingredient of Chinese cooking, may be one reason why people in China have at least heart disease than Westerners, a study concludes.

Just how it works is still a mystery, but a researcher from the University of Minnesota Medical School has discovered that the flat, dark food slows the natural tendency of the blood to form clots. Black tree fungus, often called "tree ears," is a common ingredient of all kinds of Chinese food.

The scientist, Dr. Dale E. Hammerschmidt, became interested in blood samples taken from a man participating in a medical experiment that suddenly failed to clot normally. The change ruined his experiment, and the doctor decided to track down the cause.

His search, described in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, zeroed in on the man's most recent meal, a plate of hot bean curd. Tests indicated that it was the black tree fungus, known to the Chinese as *Mo-Er*, which was slowing clotting time.

Hammerschmidt noted that in Chinese folkore, tree ears are said to increase potency and contribute to long life.

"Coronary artery disease in China in general and in the southern provinces in particular is uncommon," he wrote.

Schmidt planning visit to Moscow

BONN, May 23 (AP) — Following the Soviet-French summit, plans are in full swing for Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to visit Moscow this summer — the first such trip by a Western leader since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

West German and Soviet officials have been working for weeks to arrange the visit, which only a few months ago appeared to have been a casualty of the post-Afghanistan chill in East-West relations.

Efforts were accelerated after French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing broke the ice in East-West contacts and met Monday in Warsaw, Poland with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

Observers noted the Giscard meeting, which took place after little consultation among the Western allies, might make it easier politically for Schmidt to make the controversial visit, expected in early July.

During a meeting this month in Belgrade after the funeral of President Tito, U.S. President Walter Mondale reportedly expressed U.S. reservations about the timing of the visit.

Senator Joseph Biden, chairman of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on European Affairs, was quoted by the Swiss magazine *Weltwoche* as saying he was worried about Schmidt's travel plans and felt that any new Western initiative was "primarily the role of the United States but not of Germany."

Government sources hope the French precedent will weaken charges from Washington and domestic political opponents that Schmidt is risking the West's "solid front" against the Soviets.

"The French report on the outcome of the meeting may be helpful for preparing for the chancellor's visit to Moscow," noted the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper.

"Moreover, it may be helpful in clarifying Bonn's position vis-a-vis Washington that Giscard, rather than Schmidt, was the first Western leader to see Brezhnev after the invasion of Afghanistan."

West German newspapers report the Foreign Office has proposed to the Soviets that Schmidt make the trip between June 30 and July 6, just before the summer Olympic games which the Germans have decided to boycott.

State Secretary Klaus Boelling, the government's chief spokesman, declined to confirm a date but said Genscher van Well, a state secretary in the Foreign Office, would go to Moscow next month to arrange final details.

Boelling said the talks could be useful "for discussing ways to limit conflicts, without any certainty that one could bring home a completed formula for (solving) this or any other conflict."



Prince Saud Al-Faisal

Saud pledges firm support for Pakistan

By Shahid Orakzai
Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, May 23 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said Thursday that the Kingdom would firmly stand by Pakistan to repel aggression at any time "whether Communist or non-Communist."

He made the statement in an interview shortly before he left for Rome after attending the Islamic foreign ministers conference here. The prince was asked about Saudi Arabian reaction in case Pakistan had to face Communist aggression like its neighbor, calling Pakistan a "pillar of Islam," Prince Faisal said the Muslim world in general, and the Kingdom in particular, would render every possible sacrifice to defend Pakistan against any aggression.

He added that Pakistan plays an important role in safeguarding Arab and Islamic interests and the Islamic world is fully alive to security of this country. Prince Faisal said his country would mobilize all its resources to ensure the defense of Pakistan, and hoped that the aggressors would be crushed.

Petromin, Kyodo sign 3-year oil agreement

TOKYO, May 23 (AP) — Kyodo Oil Co. of Japan was reported Friday to have signed a contract with the Saudi Arabian state-owned oil company, Petromin, to purchase 150,000 barrels of crude oil a day for three years retroactive in April on a direct-deal basis.

Quoting informed sources, Japan's Kyodo News Service said the Japanese oil refiner will purchase the Saudi Arabian oil at the official sale price which is now \$ 28 a barrel.

Sadat wins by 98.96% Secures presidency in national ballot

CAIRO, May 23 (AP) — Egyptians gave "nearly unanimous" approval to a package of constitutional amendments including one that would allow President Anwar Sadat to remain in office for life, the official Middle East News Agency reported Friday.

Official results from Thursday's national referendum showed that 98.96 per cent, or 10,339,055, agreed to the changes while 1.04 per cent, or 108,657, voted against. Cairo Radio reported that 10,477,442 voters of 12,038,462 eligible voters went to the polls. It said 19,730 ballots were invalidated.

The outcome constituted a "vote of confidence" for Sadat's leadership at a time when the Palestinian autonomy negotiations with Israel have ground to a halt and of public discontent over a national inflation rate of 30 per cent a year.

Other changes approved in the 1971 constitution would make Islamic law the "main source of legislation in the nation, of 42 million, institutionalize a multi-party political system, allow creation of a presidential advisory council and give increased status to the press.

The figures showed some 15 per cent of Egypt's eligible voters did not go to the polls. But Minister of Interior (police) Nabawi Ismail was quoted by Cairo Radio as saying the referendum "proved the overwhelming confidence of the people of Egypt in Sadat's leadership."

In a recent speech to parliament, Sadat indicated he had no objection to continue serving after his second term in office expires October 1982. Two six-year terms are "long enough" for any president. He said, "But I will remain if the people wish."

The amendment on Islamic law was seen by observers as a concession to Muslim fundamentalists who have been demanding creation of an Islamic government. But the measure stopped short of requiring implementation of Koranic teachings in all cases which is opposed by Egypt's six million minority Christians.

While Sadat has stressed he is a "Muslim leader of a Muslim state," he has banned both Muslim and Christian zealots from staging demonstrations on university campuses or giving political sermons in mosques and churches.

The referendum results also gave Sadat a green light to form a 132 — chicken cabinet, called a "shura council" which would advise Sadat on domestic issues and take over 51 per cent ownership of the press.

The Egyptian newspapers and magazines had previously been owned by the Arab Socialist Union, an umbrella political organization formed by the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser and abolished by Sadat.

The changes also gave the press increased status by making it the "fourth estate" after the legislative, executive and judicial branches.



Lord Carrington, British foreign secretary

Israelis begin 5th settlement in occupied Gaza

TEL AVIV, May 23 (Agencies) — Construction work has begun on a fifth Israeli settlement in the occupied Gaza Strip, the World Zionist Organization said Friday.

The settlement, to be called Katif "D", is a few kilometers north of the Egyptian border. It is part of Israeli plan to build six settlements in Gaza Strip.

Israel's former Labor government, which approved the plan said it was "security." The Israelis said the Gaza area served as an Arab command base.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who heads a ministerial committee and Israel's settlement activities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, said Thursday: "We need to change the legal status of the settlements so that we can expropriate private land for them."

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet will consider the committee's recommendations Sunday at the same time as it ponders renewal of the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks with Egypt and the United States.

Sharon's committee is charged with finding more land for eight outposts. Jewish settlers also have pressed Begin's government to change the legal status of the settlements and make possible the seizure of privately owned Palestinian land.

Sharon requested an additional week to deal with the needs of two other settlements, including the Hebron suburb of Kiryat Arba. Although no details were revealed on the amount of land to be added to the six settlements, it is known that Sharon hopes to add about 750 acres to Kiryat Arba's present 250 acres.



TO VISIT RIYADH: West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer said Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail will discuss international monetary relations and payments deficit financing in Riyadh this weekend. It was officially announced in Bonn. The finance ministry said Matthöfer would be accompanied by the state secretary at the ministry, Manfred Lehmann. Earlier this year, West Germany borrowed three billion marks (\$ 2.5 billion) from Saudi Arabia and Matthöfer said last month this may be increased to five billion (\$ 4.1 billion) to help to finance the expected German 1980 payments shortfall of 20 billion marks (\$ 16.6 billion).

Britain offers another apology

LONDON, May 23 (Agencies) — Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington apologized anew Thursday for offending Saudi Arabia by broadcasting the film *Death of a Princess* on British television recently.

Speaking to London's Middle East discussion group, Lord Carrington said *Death of a Princess* was "a bad film and should never have been shown." He called for a restoration of the two countries' old friendship and expressed hope that high-level contacts will soon be resumed. This was taken by aides to mean the foreign secretary is ready to make a personal visit to Saudi Arabia soon if invited.

There seemed to be an almost plaintive note in Carrington's appeal to the Kingdom's royal family to forgive and forget. He spoke of Britain's close connections in the past with the Saudi royal family and the "great respect" his country has always held for "the legendary figure of Ibn Saud, the founder of Saudi Arabia."

Recently, as you know, a cloud has come over Saudi-British relations," Carrington said. "Our ambassador to Saudi Arabia was asked on 23 April to return to London. This very clear signal of official displeasure was the direct result of the Saudi's understandable resentment of a film broadcast here earlier that month about the execution of a Saudi princess. There has inevitably been some damage to the atmosphere in which many aspects of our political and business relations are conducted."

In spite of the damage to business relations mentioned by Carrington, he disavowed reports that Saudi Arabia has retaliated against Britain by cancelling valuable contracts.

"Except in one or two isolated cases, we are not aware of any specific measures taken against British companies," he said. "Nor of any changes in immigration or visa facilities which, as you know, can make operating overseas much more difficult; and I can assure you that the staff in our embassy in Jeddah are ready to help in any way they can. But though there has been rather more rumor than hard fact about particular problems our companies may be facing, there is no doubt about the reality of Saudi distress and anger."

Carrington said he too, has seen the film, a dramatized version of the execution of Princess Misha'al and her lover, who were accused of adultery. He said he found the film "deeply offensive," but emphasized his country's long tradition of respect for free speech. In an apparent effort to demonstrate the positive side of Britain's view of Saudi Arabia, he pointed to his country's religious tolerance of the more than 1,500,000 Muslims living there.

"More pilgrims traveled from here to Mecca last year than from the rest of Europe and North America combined. Our first mosque, at Working, was founded towards the end of the last century. There are now mosques in all parts of the country, including the magnificent Islamic center in Regents Park, London, which, as a traditional conference center, saw only last month two large worldwide gathering of Muslim representatives," he said.

Carrington said trade between Saudi Arabia and Britain added up to more than two billion pounds last year. He said the 30,000 Britons working in the Kingdom "reflect the large number of British companies involved and the contribution they are making to the development of the Saudi economy and to the British balance of payments." He closed his speech with a ringing statement of British intentions to bring about a reconciliation with Saudi Arabia, which supplies 25 per cent of Britain's oil imports.

"We may need to ask them to be more understanding about our way of life. We shall certainly need, ourselves, to strive to be more understanding about theirs. Organizations like the Middle East association have an important part to play in spreading that understanding."

Afghan settlement hinges on Russia's response

By Shahid Orakzai
Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, May 23 — Delegates to the 11th Islamic foreign ministers' conference left here with high hopes that a special three-member committee named to negotiate a political settlement to the Afghanistan problem will succeed in solving the six-day meeting's top concern.

But other observers say a broader Arab participation in the committee would speed up the negotiation process, which appears to have been left largely to Iran and Pakistan, the two immediate neighbors of troubled Afghanistan. Perhaps the biggest unanswered question the committee will have to probe is the extent of Russia's willingness to pull out of the Afghan quagmire and halt the killing.

The prevailing sentiment of the conference seemed to indicate that the committee will provide the Russians with a valuable face-saving opportunity in Afghanistan. Reservations expressed by some Arab countries were regarded as the only important clash of opinion during a conference that met many controversial issues head-on. The naming of the three-member committee in the closing hours of the conference is nonetheless viewed as an expression of Islamic unity on the Afghan problem.

Conference spokesman Kassem Zuheiri said the panel will be headed by Agha Shahi, conference chairman and foreign affairs adviser to Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq. The other two members are Habib Chatri, secretary-general of the conference and Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh, who is expected to play a key role in coming weeks. Ghotbzadeh has dropped some heavy hints as to how he views his role on the committee. In a dramatic moment during the conference, he escorted several leaders of the Afghan freedom fighters into the conference hall who were wearing Iranian badges. Before flying back to Iran he told reporters the freedom fighters will be an integral part of any political settlement in Afghanistan, declaring that Tehran will not grant legitimacy to "people in Kabul" as long as Afghan fighters are resisting the Soviet invasion.

Pakistan's representative on the committee has also indicated his feelings on a negotiated settlement in Afghanistan. As OIC chairman and leader of the panel, Agha Shahi may be regarded as a spokesman for the sentiments of delegates who formed the three-member committee. Backing Ghotbzadeh, Shahi said any contact with the Kabul government will not involve formal recognition of the regime and that consultations with Moscow or Kabul will be consistent with the resolutions passed at the conference.

Pakistan's commitment to the conference is reflected in its decision to turn down Cuban pleas for direct talks between Islamabad and Kabul. The decision was made by President Zia ul-Haq, who would clearly prefer that a

Muslim country play the mediating role instead of seeking help from non-aligned nations or other international forums, although the three-member committee's work will include appeals to the United Nations for a settlement. In his inaugural address to the conference, the Pakistani leader cautioned the delegates to beware of regional tendencies that make Palestine a problem for Arabs and Afghanistan a concern only of its neighbors. Along with Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Pakistan's president obviously hoped

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for continued Muslim solidarity throughout the conference.

Prince Saud expressed similar hopes for solidarity on his arrival in Islamabad, saying he wanted the conference to "be able to maintain its solidarity on the Afghan question expressed during the extraordinary session of January." Not all his hopes were realized though, according to observers who have studied the final plenary session resolution on Afghanistan. While the resolution refers to the earlier Afghan resolution in January, and while it calls for the "immediate, total and unconditional withdrawal" of Soviet troops, this conference's resolution has left out some of the harsh language included in January's wording.

The reservations of some Arab countries regarding the handling of the Afghanistan matter at this conference may have been responsible for the slightly softer approach. Even the formation of the committee to negotiate with concerned parties in Afghanistan is viewed as a softening of attitudes toward the Soviet invasion. Observers say the softer approach may be the result of opposition to hearing only the Afghan freedom fighters during Political Committee discussion of the draft resolution.

During a break in committee discussion, Libyan Foreign Minister Abdus Salam Al-Treiki said the present Kabul regime should also be allowed to address the committee. His sentiments were shared by Algeria, Syria,

South Yemen and the PLO delegation at one time or another during the conference. While such cracks in Islamic solidarity may have been blown out of proportion by the Western press during the conference, the view in some diplomatic circles is that the final makeup of the three-member committee represents more of a regional solution by concerned neighbors than a strong expression by the entire Muslim world. Lack of a stronger Arab presence on the committee is viewed as a handicap by some observers.

Since many Arab countries enjoy cordial relations with Moscow, their combined political and economic weight might have more effect in achieving a political settlement with Moscow and Kabul, conference observers say. In spite of any cracks in Islamic solidarity or any dissensions leading up to the conference's Afghan resolution, there is still strong hope that a political settlement can be reached. This hope is further strengthened by the fact that committee members Iran and Pakistan were invited to "separate bilateral talks" by the Babrak Karmal regime just one day before the conference opened. Although the weight of that invitation is mitigated somewhat by later statements from Ghotbzadeh and Shahi that talks with Kabul will not involve formal recognition, it is generally understood that the invitation to talk is still open.

Unlike Afghanistan, the security of Iran and its conflict with the United States attracted the unanimous support of the conference. The unanimity of resolve even included a strong statement of support for Iran from Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, who said his country would back Iran "in the face of any attack, whether economic, political or military." Most conference delegates appear to have been deeply shocked by the American military misadventure in Iran recently, and that move is believed to be the driving force for solidarity on Iran.

Conference resolutions on the Middle East took note of Egypt's growing friendship with the Israeli government, condemned Egyptian sanctuary for the deposed Shah and demanded his return to Iran.

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Livestock-rearing development urged

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, May 23 — Traditional objections to the rearing of sheep and cattle in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf or any other country with scanty rainfall may be set aside because of a fairly new technique that is promising to dispense with the need for heavy rainfall and green, limitless meadows.

That is the opinion of Mahmood Nashar, one of the leading importers and distributors of livestock in the Kingdom. He is hoping that soon the Ministry of Agriculture and Water will appreciate the value of this "technological breakthrough" and license its development to the Kingdom.

It is called Nutrient Film System. It dispenses with grazing grounds, which simply are scarce in the Arabian Peninsula, does away with soil and plenty of water and pro-

duces an enormous amount of fodder needed for a sizeable sheep-rearing enterprise that could reduce imports of livestock and frozen meats. The Ministry has yet to approve its use on any scale, although it has proved its value elsewhere in the world.

Mahmood said Saudi Arabia at present imports most of its livestock, produces very little except for the expensive Najdi (more preferred by Saudi Arabians because of its succulence).

"Without developing our own industry, we shall continue to import a great deal," he said.

Nashar added that the new system produces alfalfa in green houses using the hydroponic method, which gives a crop every six days. The possibilities are heartening not only for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, but also in such regions as the Tihama of North

Yemen, the dry areas of South Yemen and many other countries where rainfall is scarce and overgrazing by the goats has devastated the countryside.

Quoting from a report that he prepared for his projected meat processing plant in Jeddah, Mahmood said in 1978 Saudi Arabia imported 2,532,000 head of sheep, 93,480 head of cattle and 25,794 camels against 1,649,000; 76,665 and 36,150 in 1977 — with only camels showing a decrease (of 28 per cent).

During 1978, the country imported more than 30,000 tons of frozen meat and nearly 100,000 tons of frozen chicken.

Saudi Arabia has three major sources of supply. They are, in order of importance and volume, Somalia, Sudan and Australia. Somali and Sudanese meat is favored by the people, while the Australian variety is popular with bulk purchasers, the hotels, army police, prisons, catering organizations and similar buyers.

Australian meat and livestock are not very popular with the masses because of high percentage of fat content.

But there are problems with Somali and Sudanese meat, Mahmood said, because unlike the Australians, rearers and merchants of sheep in those two Arab-African countries, rearers and merchants of sheep in those two Arab-African countries, are simply not organized on a modern, streamlined manner. "The Australians have made sheep-rearing, marketing and exporting into a modern industry," he said. Not so the Somalis and Sudanese.

He said that in Somalia and Sudan the business of rearing is a private, individual affair. Owners of flocks may have from 20 to 100 head.



Muhammad Abdo Yamani

Yamani flies to U.S. for talks

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani left Riyadh Thursday night for the United States to meet U.S. media officials and give a lecture at Cornell University, on mass communication.

Dr. Yamani was accompanied by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, deputy minister of information. They will meet businessmen and officials in charge of news agencies, and talk with information program producers to make a program on the Kingdom.

Gulf graduation held

AL-KHOBAR, May 23 (SPA) — The Gulf Girl's Society celebrated graduation of 35 children from the society's kindergarten. The graduates presented some songs, recreational performances and plays. The ceremony was attended by representatives of social affairs in the Eastern Province, mothers of the children, members of the society and other ladies. Certificates and memorial gifts were given to the graduates.

For talks with Saud

Senegal minister arrives

JEDDAH, May 23 (SPA) — The Foreign Minister of Senegal, Mustapha Niyas, and Mustapha Sisse, the special advisor to the president of Senegal arrived here Thursday on a three day visit. They were invited by Prince Saud, foreign minister.

The Senegalese officials were received at the airport by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol, Muhammad Shamsuddin,

the ambassador of Senegal and embassy staff. Niyas said he will hold talks with Prince Saud on promoting bilateral relations. The rest of the 11th conference of Islamic foreign ministers that ended Thursday were successful and effective in favor of Islam and Muslims, he said. Niyas and Sisse will perform minor pilgrimage (Umra) during their stay in the Kingdom.

For Southern Province

Electric company approved

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — A Board of Directors of the Saudi Unified Electricity Company of the Southern Province is to be set up under the resolution of ministerial committee, it was announced here.

The committee is composed of the Ministers of Industry and Electricity, Finance and National Economy, Planning and Commerce.

The committee appointed Deputy Governor of the General Electricity Authority Dr. Abdul Rabman Al-Zamil as chairman of the company's board of directors. Other members of the board include Khalil Abdul Karim, Fahd Ibrahim Al-Sultan, Ahmed Ibrahim and Hamed Muhammad Al-Ghamedi.

A royal decree, issued last year, had allowed the establishment of this company with a capital of SR4 billion. It was granted a 30-year exclusive concession for the generation and supply of electricity.

According to the decree, the ministerial committee was charged with the formation of the company's board of directors, the approval of its statutes and the specification of the loan quantum from the state, to enable it to expand its capacity of power supply to Assir, Baha, Jizan and Najran areas.

The company will be set up with state share, both in cash and kind, and share from the electricity companies now functioning in those areas.

Security students graduate from passports institute

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — The Ministry of Passports Institute graduated its fifth class under the auspices of Prince Naif, minister of interior. The group numbered 114 students who studied theoretical and applied subjects in security and passports.

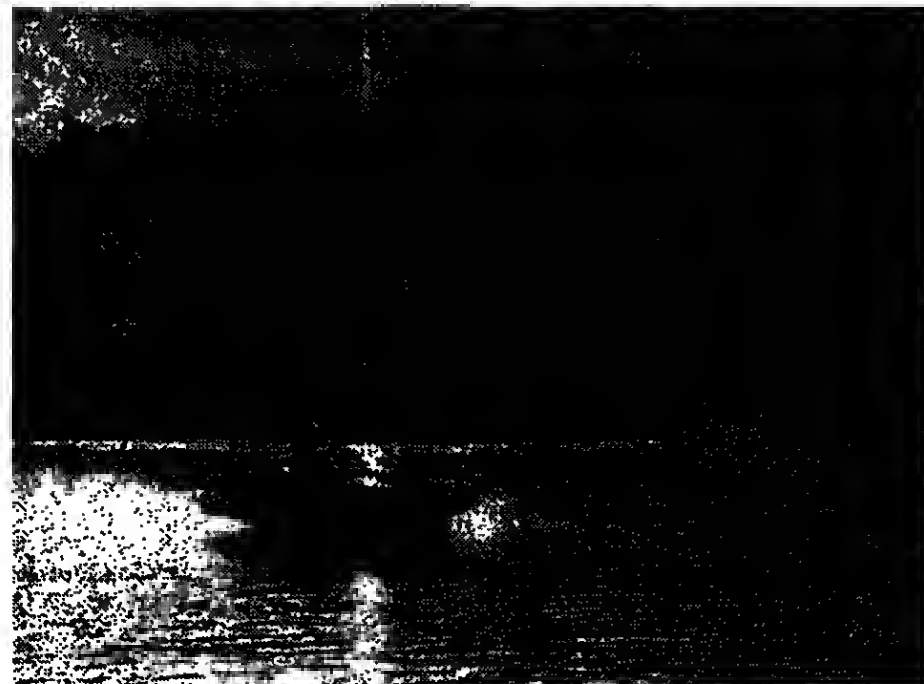
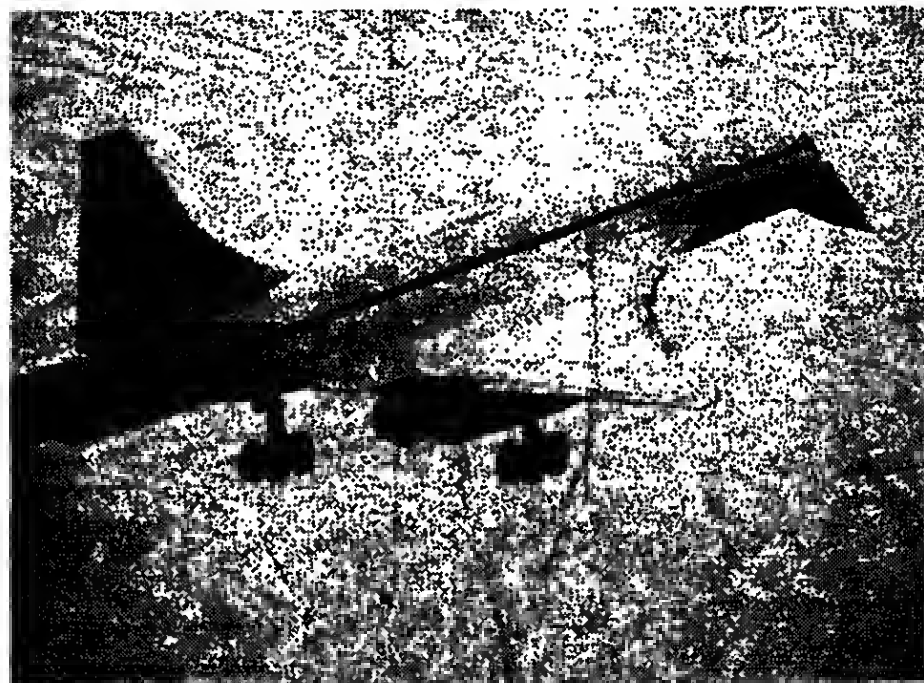
The general director of the Passports Department for Military Affairs, Col. Abdul Kader Kamal, said graduates of the institute were appointed to 15 airports, seaports, border stations, passport departments and deportation departments.

The director of the Military Passports Institute, Lt. Col. Sulaiman Khourshi, said the

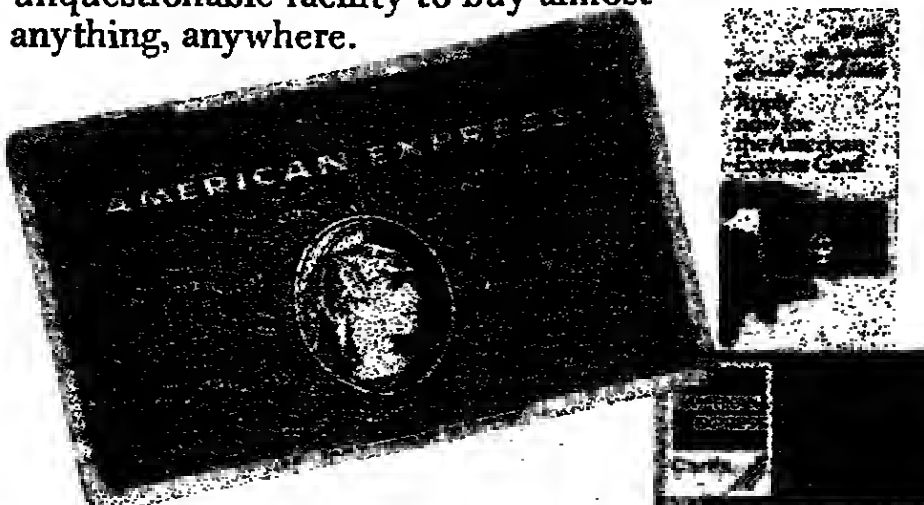
graduates of the fifth class have enrolled in a specialization session in Jordan, and that they are highly qualified for field work in passports. After parades by the students, Prince Naif issued certificates to the students whose passing percentage was 100 per cent. The ceremony was also attended by Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh, Prince Ahmad, deputy minister of interior and other officials of the Ministry of Interior.

Prince Naif congratulated the graduates and said their duty forces them to deal with citizens and foreigners on a daily basis. "It is your duty to reflect the real picture of your country and leave a nice impression," he said.

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Economics all-important

Ministers focus on unity

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, May 23 — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer said the conference of Arab ministers of the Arabian Peninsula had asked Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to study about transportation, communications and a computer plan.

These will be steps in the direction of greater economic integration among member states, he said.

The two-day conference was held in Doha, Qatar, to draw up a plan for the members to coordinate their industrial plans and joint projects in heavy industry. It was the last Wednesday with resolutions to outline joint marketing of several industries, establish central manpower facilities and develop increased production of mineral, cement and petrochemicals.

Nazer said the concept of a Gulf common market was already taking shape in various ways and "part of our endeavor is to attain that goal in the end."

Though it does not yet exist in name it is already underway, he said because of the free movement of goods and capital. But he sounded a note of warning of the almost total dependence of the region on one single source of income-oil.

"This is the real cause of weakness," he said, "which we are trying to overcome by diversifying our sources of income."

This is being done by going into a variety of oil related industries so that the states may reduce their dependence on the income from production only. He said that in the future coordination will be carried out more scientifically and in an organized manner so that a new and international economic entity will be created "that will have to be reckoned with."

His remarks reflected a concern for maintaining free movement of labor, local products and free capital transfer, along with a joint approach to industrial exports to the rest of the world. These concerns received agreement at last year's Riyadh conference.

The conference which is attended by representatives of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the Yemen Arab Republic is held every year. Next year it will be hosted by Kuwait. Historically, the Arabian Peninsula has been regarded as a single political, economic and social entity and the planning ministers are taking steps to restore it to that role through greater coordination of infrastructure services and long-term plans.

Solidarity urged

and returns from Islamabad

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the general secretary of the Muslim World League, returned to the Kingdom Thursday after the 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference in Islamabad.

Prince Saud arrived in Riyadh in the company of Ali Abdul Salam Al-Treiki, Libyan minister. He led the Saudi Arabian delegation to the conference. Harakan, who led the delegation, arrived in Jeddah and attended the 11th session as "the most important session of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference." More than 100 issues were discussed.

The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Palestinian question and the issue of Jerusalem were the most crucial issues discussed at the conference and took a large part of its work.

Harakan referred to the Camp David accords, and said that they were hostile to the Palestinian peoples' rights and the position of Jerusalem. The accords brought no positive results so far regarding the Palestinian people, and Israel is still challenging the Islamic people and world opinion.

He called on Muslims to help the Afghan refugees and those in Somalia, Chad and Uganda. As a result of the foreign ministers' conference, it became necessary to hold the first World Conference of Islamic media as soon as possible. The conference will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, Harakan said.

He added that the MWL and the Conference of the Islamic Countries (OIC) and the Indonesian government are in touch about the conference. The anti-Islam campaigns by Western and Zionist media require a plan by Islamic countries to counter the campaigns and spread the word of Islam everywhere in the world.

He thanked the Pakistani government for the organization of the conference and the welcome given to the participating



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BRIEFS

RIYADH, May 23 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter attended the final ceremony Wednesday of the theatrical education festival for 1979-80 organized by the Directorate of Education of Riyadh. The ceremony featured some constructive plays and songs.

ISTANBUL, May 23 (SPA) — Islamic ministers of economy will meet here July 7 through July 9 to discuss a wider range of commercial transactions between Islamic countries, an official of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

MANAMA, May 23 (SPA) — The Executive Committee of the Gulf International Bank reviewed at its meeting Thursday banking, financial and administrative reports presented by the bank's administration. Delegates from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar, Oman and the UAE, member

states of the bank, took part in the meeting.

DHAHRAN, May 23 (SPA) — The Training Institute of the Eastern Province Police Directorate in Dhahran graduated its first class, Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Ahmad Miyah, Eastern Province police director handed out certificates to the graduates. The three month class was composed of 45 officers. The ceremony was attended by military officers in the area.

DOHA, May 23 (SPA) — The Board of the Gulf Industrial Consultation Organization decided to form a preparatory committee Thursday for the establishment of a joint Aluminum project in Bahrain. At the end of its three-day session, the board approved a policy of consultation services from the Industrial Information Bank for the benefit of member states. It agreed to hold its next ordinary session in Muscat in December.

Alhegelan will speak

Seminar to feature Kingdom

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 23 — Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Faisal Alhegelan will be the luncheon speaker at an advanced seminar next month on business opportunities in Saudi Arabia, it was announced.

The one-day conference for senior American business executives, to be held in New York City June 26, will feature presentations by a number of Middle East experts on such topics as the new Saudi Five-Year Plan, project financing, Saudi tax laws, business operations and the U.S. anti-Arab boycott law.

French visit

KFU in Hasa

HASA, May 23 (SPA) — The deputy rector for academic affairs of King Faisal University, Dr. Khaled Al-Seif, met Thursday with the French universities delegation visiting the Eastern Province. They discussed scientific and technical cooperation between KFU and French universities.

The delegation arrived here in the morning to visit the Irrigation and Drainage Projects of Hasa and inspect the advanced irrigation systems used. It also visited the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resources, the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Foods and the English Language Center.

Islamic games slated

ISLAMABAD, May 23 (SPA) — The first Islamic games will be held in Turkey in October, the Turkish embassy in Islamabad announced Thursday.

The 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference that ended here Thursday agreed to hold the tournament at the request of the Turkish government.

The seminar, entitled *Focus: Saudi Arabia*, is being sponsored by the American-Arab Association for commerce and industry, Inc., a non-governmental organization affiliated with the United Nations Public Information Department.

Speakers include Bonnie Pounds, director of the U.S. Treasury's Office of Saudi Affairs; Fahkrudin Khalil, first executive vice president of UBAF Arab Americans Bank; Robert Gorab, head of Middle East coordination for Deloitte, Haskins and Sells of New York; tax expert David Bertrand of the same firm; and Arab boycott specialist Jackson Hearn of the U.S. Commerce Department.

WEATHER

Temperatures are expected to drop in the central and eastern regions. The weather will remain moderate in the northern and western regions.

Winds will be northerly and moderate. They may become active occasionally, causing sand haze especially in the central region. Cumulus clouds will thicken in the western and south-western highlands. They may bring scattered thunderstorms.

Seas will be light to moderate. Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Mubarak to ponder proposal for resuming autonomy talks

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak has arrived here carrying a message for U.S. President Jimmy Carter on his government's ideas for resuming the deadlocked Palestinian autonomy talks.

Details of Mubarak's schedule here were not immediately available although he was expected to meet with Carter and U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie on Friday.

Mubarak, who was greeted by Undersecretary of State David Newsom at Andrews Air Force Base Thursday, had no statement on his arrival. His hastily-arranged visit began four days before the May 26 target date for completing the autonomy talks, a deadline all sides agree will not be met.

Egypt and Israel remain far apart on six key issues, including the degree of self-governing power which would be granted to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Assad stresses stronger ties with Moscow

DAMASCUS, May 23 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has said his country was keen to consolidate its friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

Assad was Thursday addressing a visiting Soviet parliamentary team led by Antanas Barlauskas, a vice-president of the Supreme Soviet.

Official sources said Assad stressed the strong friendship between the two countries and quoted him as saying Syria was keen to strengthen the friendship further. He paid tribute to Soviet support for the Arab struggle against imperialism and Zionism, the sources said.

Assad said Syria was aware that its adherence to its principles would create difficulties but it would not succumb to American designs.

Mubarak arrived here amid considerable confusion about Egypt's attitude toward the talks. Last week, President Anwar Sadat announced plans to break off the discussions just one day after he said he wanted to continue them.

In Washington, a top Egyptian envoy told the State Department that before the Camp David peace process can continue, Israel must back away from attempts to remove the future status of Jerusalem from the list of negotiable issues.

"We have asked Israel to reconsider. They must find a way," said former Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil after meeting with Muskie.

Khalil is in Washington as a personal envoy of Sadat to explain why Sadat pulled Egypt out of the Palestinian autonomy talks.

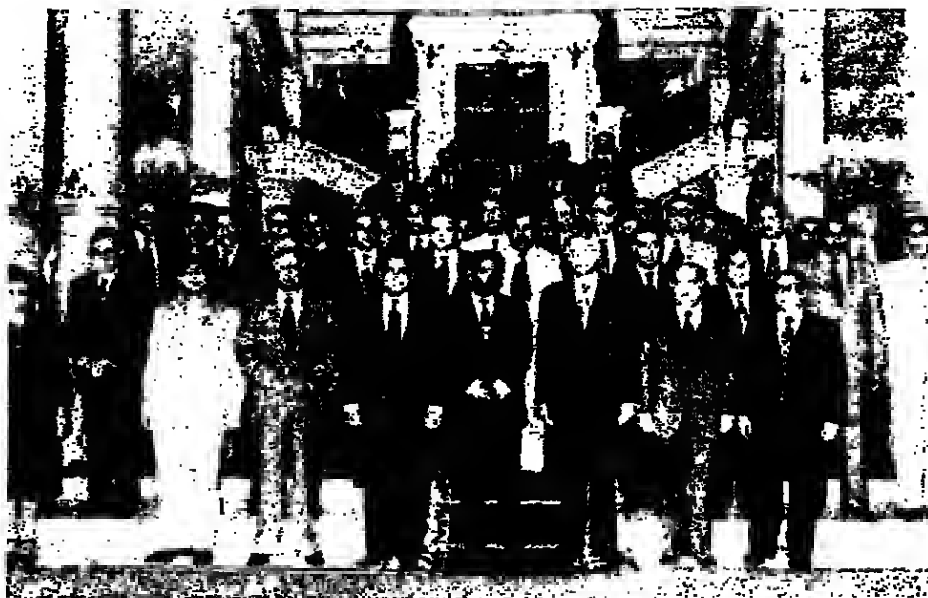
He told reporters after his meeting with Muskie the problem was a bill introduced earlier this month in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, that would mandate in basic Israeli law, akin to a constitution, that the entire city of Jerusalem belonged to Israel as its capital.

Neither Egypt nor the United States recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Both regard the eastern portion of the city, occupied by Israel in 1967, as occupied territory.

The Knesset bill is "completely contrary to the Camp David agreements," Khalil said. The agreements actually sidestepped the Jerusalem question, with each side stating its view separately. Egypt feels that left the status of the city open for future negotiations.

"It (the Knesset bill) changes the situation because it would tie future governments and rule out negotiations," Khalil said. State Department officials said privately that they think Egypt has overreacted to the Knesset bill, which was introduced by Geula Cohen, a fervent Israeli extremist who is not a member of either the governing Likud Party or the opposition Labor Party.

Khalil also said Egypt still feels the Camp David process is "valid" and opposes initiatives by other countries that might jeopardize it.



NEW CABINET: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (center) poses with members of his new cabinet and newly appointed governors after a cabinet meeting on May 19 that was presided over by Sadat.

Tighter controls sought 35% of UAE aliens are illegal

ABU DHABI, May 23 (R) — An official committee has found that 35 per cent of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — population of one million are illegally resident in the country, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Itihad* said.

The paper Thursday quoted informed sources as saying that on the basis of this figure and other information on foreigners in the UAE, the committee would recommend to the government tighter immigration controls including coastal patrols by motorboats to stop illegal arrivals.

The UAE has already tightened its labor law, giving foreigners working illegally until June 21 to put their papers in order or be deported.

Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry has

cracked down on illegal immigrants, and several thousands have been rounded up and deported.

The Gulf states have small native populations and have had to import workers as their economies boomed with rising revenues from oil exports.

The majority of foreign workers are Asians, especially Indians, Pakistanis and Bangladeshis.

Officials have warned of the danger of Asian immigrants swamping the Arab population of the Gulf, including Bahraini Minister of Labor Sheikh Isa Ben Muhammad Al-Khalifa, who declared:

"The phenomenon of Asian workers settling in the Gulf area could cause an upset in the social and population balance."

Afghanistan, Mideast discussed

Egypt's Ali sees Soviet envoy

CAIRO, May 23 (AP) — Egypt's newly appointed Foreign Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali and Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Polyakov have discussed the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the pause in the Palestinian autonomy negotiations.

Thursday's encounter was the first between an Egyptian foreign minister and a Soviet envoy since the end of last year. A foreign ministry spokesman said it was a brief courtesy visit at Polyakov's request.

Ali was appointed earlier this month. Pre-

viously he was minister of defense.

"The meeting was interesting and useful," Polyakov told reporters later. He said the two men had "touched" on the Afghanistan issue and had covered "all kinds of questions" on the Middle East.

Soviet-Egyptian relations have at been icy since 1973 when the Soviet Union refused to deliver additional weapons to Egypt in retaliation for President Anwar Sadat's expulsion of some 15,000 Soviet military advisers from Egypt.

S. Yemen chief visits Syria tomorrow

DAMASCUS, May 23 (R) — South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad will start a three-day official visit to Syria on Sunday, it was announced Friday.

An official source said Muhammad would discuss bilateral relations, the current Arab

situation and world issues.

Muhammad succeeded President Abdul Fatah Ismail, who resigned for health reasons. After the Syrian visit, Muhammad is due to go to Moscow at the invitation of Soviet leaders.

U.S. urged to block engines to Iraq

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AFP) — Seventy-two American Congress members have called on President Jimmy Carter to block delivery of American engines to the Iraqi navy, on the grounds that Iraq "approves international terrorism."

Noting in a letter that this approval had been officially recognized by the State Department, they urged him Thursday to revoke an export license for eight gas turbine engines intended for four missile-carrying

frigates built for Iraq in Italy.

American opposition to international terrorism has to be stressed after American diplomats had been taken hostage in Iran on the Colombian capital, Bogota, they said.

A congressional committee recently complained that it had not been consulted on the engine sale to Iraq; but a senior State Department official commented that prior congressional approval had not been necessary.

Turkey lifts death penalty for Arabs

ANKARA, May 23 (AP) — A Turkish military appeals court Friday overturned death sentences decreed previously for four Palestinian commandos who seized the Egyptian embassy here last July and ordered them to be retried in a civilian court.

In its ruling the military supreme court of appeals said the earlier sentences by a military court were invalid because the commandos' crimes did not fall under the court's jurisdiction.

Two Turkish security agents were killed when the four Palestinians stormed the Egyptian

embassy in the heart of Ankara on July 13. An embassy employee died when he fell from a window while trying to escape.

The gunmen released their 18 hostages after holding the building for two days. They were members of a group called "The Eagle of the Palestinian Revolution."

The commandos demanded severance of diplomatic relations between Muslim Turkey and Egypt and Israel, freedom for two Palestinians jailed in Egypt, and safe passage out of Turkey.

The case will once again be tried in a civil court.

U.K. Jews hit Europe bid on Mideast

LONDON, May 23 (R) — The Jewish community in Britain views with "considerable alarm" reports that Britain is planning to join its European community partners in a Middle East peace initiative, Arieh Handler, of the board of deputies of British Jews, said Friday.

He said that such an initiative would call for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to be brought into the peace negotiations.

Handler said in a statement: "I firmly believe that just by talking of a new initiative, Britain and the rest of the EEC made it virtually impossible for President Sadat to reach

agreement with Israel."

He said that if Britain had a role to play it was to encourage other Arab countries, notably Jordan, to join Israel and Egypt in peace negotiations.

"I appeal to Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington not to proceed with this so-called initiative aiming to support the claims for political recognition of the PLO," Handler added.

Leaders of the nine-nation European Common Market have asked their foreign ministers to submit recommendations to their Venice summit next month on what role the European community might take in Middle East peace efforts.

Libyan exile murdered in Greece

ATHENS, May 23 (AP) — Libyan "revolutionaries" have claimed responsibility for the assassination of a 23-year-old Libyan found murdered at his Athens apartment Wednesday, police reported Thursday.

Police said signs written in Arabic on the wall of the victim's apartment said: "The revolution will live forever. Death and mercy to the imperialists."

The killing of Abu Bakr Abdul-Jabbar

23, of Tripoli, raised to eight the number of Libyan exiles, all foes of Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi murdered in 1979, in two months.

Chatti plans visit to Thailand

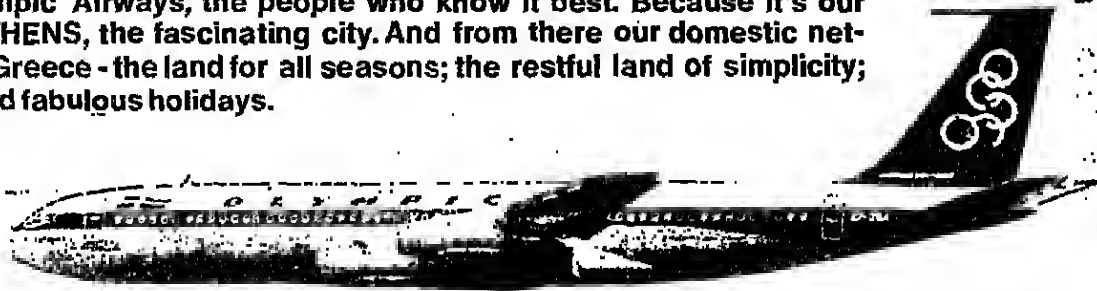
BANGKOK, May 23 (AFP) — Secretary General of the Islamic Conference Habib Chatti will arrive here on Sunday for a four-day visit as guest of the Thai Foreign Ministry, official sources said Friday.

Arriving after participating in the

conference in Islamabad, Chatti is the Muslim-dominated provinces in southern Thailand and to meet Thai Deputy Foreign Minister Arun Bhanupongse during his Bangkok visit.

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Volcano a tourist draw: Carter

ELSO, Washington, May 23 (Agencies) President Jimmy Carter has compared the eruptive force of the Mount St. Helens volcano to that of a modern nuclear warhead, said the devastated area could become a tourist attraction.

The president, who flew within three meters of the volcanic crater in a helicopter, estimated the force of last weekend's eruption as about 10 megatons; the equivalent of 10 million tons of dynamite and, according to U.S. officials, equal to the eighth of the most powerful missile warheads now in the American arsenal.

The president called the eruption "one of the most remarkable and formidable natural phenomena of all recorded time." He said the sheets of mud and grey ash, which in places have flattened forests, would eventually become an attraction for tourists from all over the world.

Carter's helicopter was forced to turn back from the volcano because of rain, mist and "When the helicopter pilots turned back, I was not about to argue with them," he said.

The president said he had little hope that the 71 people still listed as missing in the disaster area could have survived. The death toll is 10.

It was a horrible sight. There's nothing left but piles of mud. The devastation is much more than I ever dreamed it was," he said.

The president was told hopes were growing for a 60-meter-high dam formed by a mud across Spirit Lake, near the volcano, not break. Officials said earlier they thought the dam might give way and send a



ASH: A Yakima, Washington, man shovels ash from the Mount St. Helens volcano off the sidewalk in front of his shop.

Officially said ash from the volcano was believed to be non-toxic and the damage to crops might not be as originally predicted.

Binaisa said safe

ganda coup leaders meet parliamentarians

MPALA, May 23 (AP) — Uganda's y-coup leaders have met for the first time with members of the nation's parliament, despite the continued self-imposed exile of the parliamentary leader.

London, meanwhile, Amnesty International said it had been assured by the ruling military commission that deposed President Yoweri Museveni was being treated well. It said the 127 members of the National Consultative Council, more than the quorum, showed up for the meeting. The six-man, military commission, which had called for a special conference of the parliament when it ousted it on May 12, said it was safe.

nestown cultist found not guilty

PORT KAITUMA, Guyana, May 23 (R) — Former People's Temple cult member Jim Jones has been found not guilty of the murder of two cult defectors in

the Guyanese jungle. A 33-year-old American X-ray technician, in a jury trial after a 17-day trial.

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George Bush

Bush cancels key speeches

LYNDHURST, New Jersey, May 23 (AP) — George Bush virtually conceded the Republican presidential nomination to Ronald Reagan on Thursday by canceling weekend appearances in New Jersey and closing his campaign operations in California.

Bush's deputy campaign press secretary, Susan Morrison, confirmed that "we are pulling people out of California because we do not have the money."

Bush himself said earlier he would probably not campaign in Ohio at all and would head to Houston this weekend to confer with his aides instead of keeping his schedule in New Jersey, California, Ohio and New Jersey, all of which vote June 3, represented the only semblance of hope for Bush of overtaking Reagan.

Declared disaster area

Miami damage \$100m

MIAMI, May 23 (AP) — The U.S. government has declared riot-ravaged Miami a disaster area making it eligible for special recovery assistance. Two thousand national guard troops were sent home, and schools reopened peacefully with some classrooms half empty.

Some 104 businesses suffered a total of \$100.5 million damage during the two days and two nights when violence was at its height, government officials said in Washington.

Meanwhile, one of four white ex-policemen whose acquittal in the death of a black man sparked the race riots apparently tried to take his own life late Thursday, police said. Michael Watts was reported in critical condition at a local hospital suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Watts, 30, was found innocent of manslaughter and aggravated battery Saturday in

the death of Arthur McDuffie. He had told a friend he was contemplating suicide because of a personal problem involving his girlfriend, not because of the McDuffie case, Dade County police spokesman Jim Baah said.

In the first night after a curfew was lifted over the Miami area, one incident was reported.

Two Dade County officers were fired upon in their patrol car about 3:25 a.m. Thursday in the northwest section, triggering a 10-block high-speed chase for the gunman.

In Tampa, 402 kilometers to the northwest, a sniper shot a police officer in the face Wednesday night as he tried to barricade a street in an area where bands of black teenagers have been throwing rocks and bottles for several nights. The officer, R.H. Cooke, was wounded in the cheek but was making a rapid recovery, authorities said.

Giscard summit incurs French ire

PARIS, May 23 (AFP) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing appeared increasingly isolated from the French public and political leaders over the wisdom of his summit meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev four days ago in Warsaw.

French Communists and the president's own closest political henchmen were practically the only supporters of the summit, and there was a significant, icy silence, if not always open disapproval, among the centrist groups where Giscard d'Estaing draws much of his political support.

"I am grieved to not have heard one political leader, even a Giscard supporter, express the belief that Mr. Giscard d'Estaing was

right to go to said," said Jacques Blanc, leader of the president's own Republican party.

Maurice Couve de Murville, a foreign minister under President Charles De Gaulle, told the French Parliament that he wondered whether the summit could be anything other than "a dialogue of the deaf."

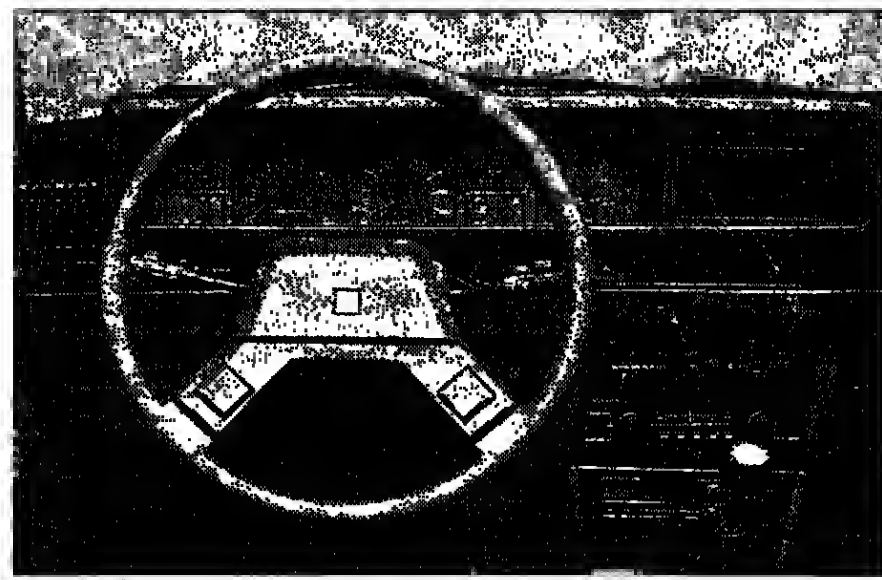
His statement followed a speech by French Foreign minister Jean Francois-Poncet, who said "the head of state has placed the weight of France on the scale of peace."

Jean Lipkowski, a former secretary of state for foreign affairs under De Gaulle and President Georges Pompidou, called the Moscow summit "an ill-considered initiative."

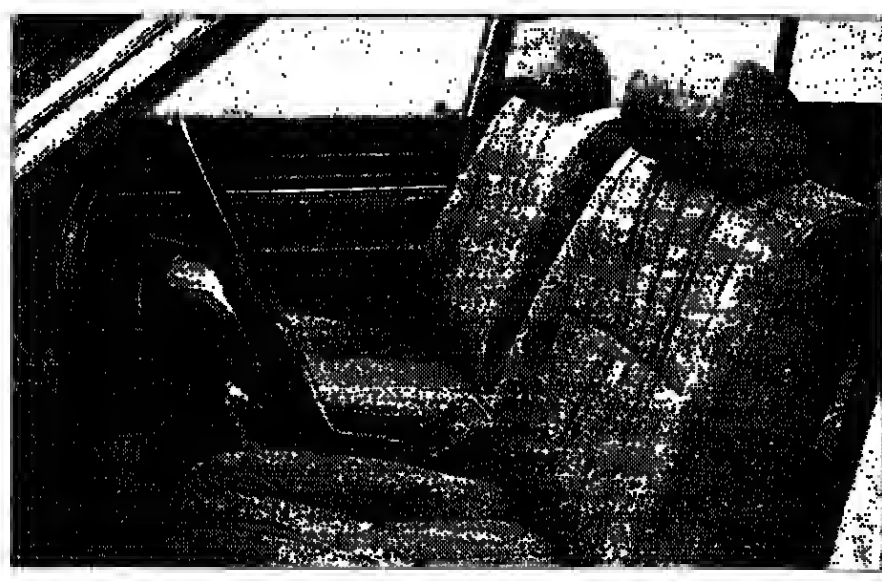
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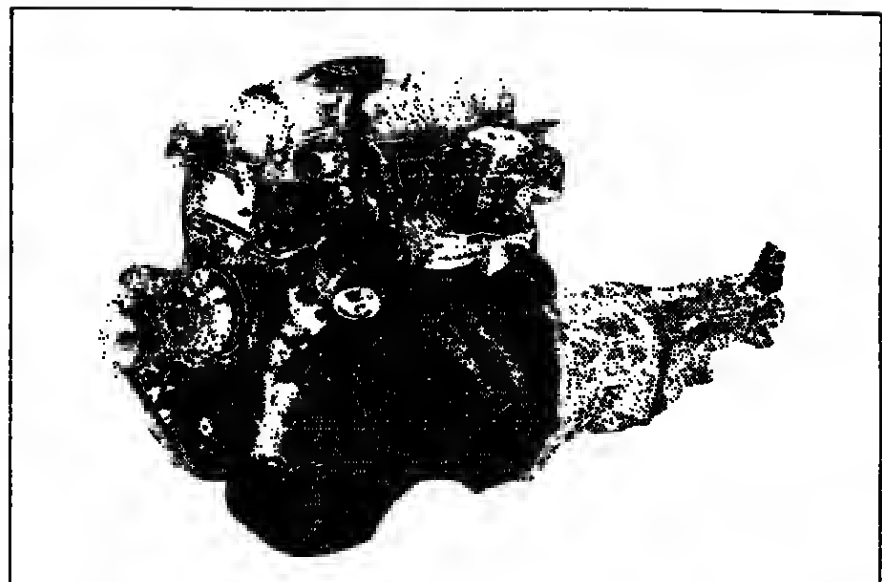
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BEHIND OIL PRICE HIKE

No sooner had Saudi Arabia declared its oil-price increase than many of the other OPEC members followed. The intention behind the Saudi act was the abridgement of the pricing gap within the organization. But the reaction of the other members means that the gap will persist. The new Saudi price of \$28 will thus remain below the new UAE price of \$31.65 per barrel, the Kuwaiti one of \$29.5, or Iraq's \$29.96. Algeria's high grade oil stands now at \$37.21.

This means that the quest for a unified (or as near unified as possible) pricing system within OPEC will have to wait for the Algiers meeting next month. But even then, few think that this aim will be achieved.

This prospect cannot but be viewed with apprehension by the international community as a whole. Saudi Arabia had always tried to convince the OPEC membership that moderation in pricing was, in the long term, the wisest policy for the producers themselves. But its efforts, though intermittently successful, were always undercut by the continuing increase in demand. No single OPEC member, not even Saudi Arabia, is capable on its own to so influence supply as to keep it abreast of demand.

The danger of the present situation is clear to all. The higher prices charged by the OPEC members are soon passed back to them in the form of higher prices for the manufactured goods for which they are now the main importer. The inflationary spiral thus goes unchecked; and the international economic crisis worsens steadily.

The industrialized countries of the West find it always convenient to blame the "greed" of some of the OPEC members for this state of affairs. But the fact of the matter is the uncontrollable rate at which the demand for oil has been growing in the West, which has been pressing ever harder at a much more slowly growing rate of supply. The onus of bringing the prices down has to fall on the industrialized countries, who have shown no sign of being willing or able to curb their consumption.

Some members of OPEC will continue to advocate moderation. But without the West doing anything about its reckless energy consumption, their efforts will be wasted.

GISCARD'S RISK

President Giscard d'Estaing of France took a calculated risk when he went to Warsaw to meet President Leonid Brezhnev. A successful outcome would have enhanced his international reputation no end. A failure would have reflected badly on his standing inside France. As it was, the result was so mixed (with a preponderance of failure, perhaps), that advantages and disadvantages cancelled themselves out. The dialogue — a word much in use at the moment in international circles — with the Soviet Union was started. Only that the two sides, apparently, found nothing much to agree about.

The European press, including that of France, was generally very hard on the French president, some going so far as to see a parallel between the Warsaw meeting and that in which before World War II when the European powers tried to appease Hitler and had to learn that this only served to whet his appetite for more. This is manifestly unfair. The French president did not go to Warsaw to "appease" Brezhnev, so much as to explore means for solving the Afghan crisis. It is true that, indirectly, his attempt might confirm the Russian impression of disunity among the European allies. But that was hardly Giscard's aim.

The disarray within the Western alliance, for which the more alarming and obvious sign was the failure until recently to agree on sanctions against Iran in support of the United States, is hardly a secret. Indeed, had it not been so well known, the Soviets would have thought twice before invading Afghanistan. But here, ironically, the meeting might be of some help, as Brezhnev completely failed to convince Giscard of the Soviet stand. Giscard will now have the more reason to coordinate his actions with those of the rest of the Western allies. For Soviet ambitions can only be checked by a show of resolute opposition from the West. Otherwise, the question of the safety of the Gulf will soon be on the agenda.

Jerusalem: The gateway to Middle East peace

By Lord Caradon

It was reported on the 15th May that U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie had said on the day before that "he would urge Western ministers not to do anything which would divert attention from the Camp David process" and he went on to say that "I can't conceive of any other process that could get us closer to the central issues than this one."

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Yisak Shamir, at the same time said in London "that he was convinced that the British government would not do anything to upset the Camp David process" and that "there was no question of promoting a British or European initiative."

But in the face of this obviously agreed American-Israeli line President Sadat was reiterating his well-known and long-stated position that East Jerusalem must not be annexed by Israel, and the Knesset was at the same time reporting its determination to do so. And for good measure another plan for further massive Israeli colonization of the West Bank was announced in Jerusalem.

So now it looks as if the deadlock will continue and the new substantial European initiative which had been confidently expected after the May 26 deadline may be abandoned under joint American and Israeli pressure.

It is interesting, by the way, to see that in his London statement Shamir said that "in any case it would be impossible to amend United Nations Resolution 242". The Resolution was specifically endorsed "in all its parts" by the Camp David joint announcement. Shamir should read the Resolution again: it called for a "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict". Was East Jerusalem occupied in the 1967 conflict? Of course it was. So do the provisions of the Resolution on withdrawal apply to East Jerusalem? Of course they do.

But our concern need not be directed only at the deadlock which the present American — Israeli policy provides. Even more serious is the attempt to prevent endeavors by a new initiative to bring it to an end and to proceed to a lasting peace.

The position of President Sadat on Jerusalem and Palestinian self-determination has long been clear and often repeated ever since 1967. The position of Prime Minister Begin and his government on both issues has also long been clear and often repeated. The two positions are in total opposition. No one imagines that they can be removed merely by reviving reference to the Camp David document. For at Camp David there was no acceptance of genuine Palestinian self-determination. And at Camp David Jerusalem was not even mentioned.

It has been increasingly clear for a long time that

without a new initiative there is no hope of progress, and has also been increasingly and depressingly clear that that new initiative cannot come from the United States — particularly in election year.

So it has been recognized that the new initiative should come not from the Israelis or the Palestinians and not from either of the superpowers but from Europe. The European nations which all approved the Resolution 242 are in the best position to provide a new initiative not to alter the principles agreed by everyone in 1967 but to give them practical effect.

The new initiative we need, to be prepared of course after the fullest cooperation of all concerned, is an initiative which neither side and neither superpower could propose but which all can eventually accept.

To define the boundaries, to deal with the timetable, and the transition, to provide the guarantees, to decide the time and place of the final peace conference, under the joint chairmanship of the United States and the Soviet Union, these are the practical issues which need to be tackled. Why should the task be shirked or delayed?

In recent times there has been so much encouraging advance in international opinion, and amongst Palestinians and Israelis too.

When I was in the United States earlier this month I daily saw evidence of the awakening of the American public to the dangers and the oppor-

tunities of the Middle East situation at this time.

Not least was a remarkable article in the *New York Times* by the highly respected columnist, Anthony Lewis, under the headline "The Bad And The Impossible". He quotes Gen. Yehoshafat Harkchi as saying "The reality is that Israel cannot control the West Bank forever. And the later it is, the worse for Israel. We have the choice between the bad and the impossible. Staying on the West Bank is impossible". And he quotes the Israeli paper *Haaretz*: "The reality which we have not changed — by means of words, settlements or legal reasoning — is that on the West Bank and Gaza one nation is trying to rule another against its will".

The attainable lasting peace will not be secured by intransigence by either side. Nor will half measures and false hopes suffice. Dayan's recommendation for several years delay, the Allon plan for acquisition of half the Jordan Valley, Shimon Peres' plan for a partition of the West Bank are all delusions.

Nothing short of a fresh initiative covering all the outstanding questions will be sufficient, and European leaders should not be excused or forgiven if they give way to American pressure and fail in their urgent obligation.

I believe that a new European initiative will be welcomed by all the nations which voted unanimously for Resolution 242 in 1967, and so I believe, following my recent discussions in the Middle East,

by Palestinians and many Israelis too.

What is required is an urgent independent national initiative to put forward a full lasting peace, a plan which, as I say, neither side neither superpower could propose but which can accept. That is the obligation and the opportunity of international diplomacy.

So to Secretary Muskie I respectfully offer propositions:

1. Delay will not solve anything: on the contrary further delay will in the end bring disaster everyone.

2. The security of Israel will not be achieved by military domination and intimidation of its neighbors: it will be won by conciliation and agreement.

3. The Palestinians will not be content with living less than their freedom in a homeland of their own: no people would ask for less.

4. There will be no peace in the Middle without peace in Jerusalem, and Jerusalem must be united in freedom not divided by dominating Jerusalem and must be the gateway to peace.

5. Israel must be secure: the Palestinians must be free: both are now attainable, but not one without the other.

I trust that bearing these straightforward principles in mind Secretary Muskie will not persist in opposing a new initiative for a comprehensive lasting settlement.

China clamps down on crooked traders

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE. — Thirty years of Maoism have done nothing to quell the Chinese traders' instinct for sharp practice. Now, as rigid state planning gives way to the law of the market place, Peking has been forced to adapt to new measures to curb "crooked traders, embezzlers and speculators."

Not that the legacy of the bureaucratic past is easily torn up. Mountains of shoddy goods nobody wants continue to pile up in the state-run shops, as mindless factory officials, mesmerized by their production targets, churn them out irrespective of demand — Fujian province alone boasts a glut of more than a billion ping-pong balls.

But the government is working hard to halt production for production's sake, and to gear it instead to sales. Managerial cadres in provincial enterprises are being encouraged to conclude their own contracts, to do their own wheeling and dealing, and above all to measure success in terms of turnover, not tonnage.

While radical Maoists may hock their ears to this

heresy, it seems that no right-thinking Chinese needs to be told twice to put profit before politics, and that is where the other trouble begins.

Having had their pockets picked by sudden inflation after years of subsidized security, the Chinese millions are now being mugged by shady operators all down the line from the factory to the fish-stall.

To narrow the gap between town and country, the government raised the wholesale prices paid for farm products last year, and passed the cost on to the urban consumer, who abruptly found himself laying out up to 40 per cent more such simple luxuries as eggs, fish and vegetables.

Factories have been caught illegally raising prices or lowering the quality of their products, or both. State-owned shops have begun selling short weight, switching labels and trade-marks, fiddling price and falsifying their scales, mixing first-grade tea (or rice, or sugar, or salt) with second-grade, or simply selling second-grade as first.

On Hainan Island pedlars have reverted to stuffing poultry with sand, and vegetable hearts with rotten leaves, to make them heavier.

Chinese factories are seducing customers with

under-the-counter gifts of electronic goods. Some foreign firms blatantly bribe Chinese negotiators, and rival provincial corporations' Canton trade fair last month were ruthless in cutting one another for overseas orders.

The Chinese are persuading foreigners to chase houses in a Communist state without free (and the foreigners are snapping them up), the offering cut-price packages of skilled and unskilled Chinese labor to the Middle East, and dual job-lots of refugees on Hong Kong. (The secretary of one county has smuggled so many committee members abroad that the administration of the local production has seized up.)

Students of Mao's thought also indulge in popular pastime of flogging tape-recorders, cassettes, watches, radios and calculators from Hong Kong on the black market in South China. Hong Kong residents have been offered fully paid days in Canton if they take in luxury goods surreptitiously — a television set that costs \$1,000 in the British colony will fetch three times as much just across the border. — (OFNS)

Saudi press review

The weekend newspapers highlighted in their lead story the resolutions of the Islamabad Islamic Foreign Ministers conference.

They reported the conference's call to all the Islamic states to break their diplomatic and economic relations with any country that transfers its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The conference also urged economic cooperation among the Islamic states and an increase in the capital of the Islamic Development Bank. The conference further called for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the issue of Jerusalem.

In a broad headline story, *Al Medina* reported that South Yemen, Syria, Libya and Algeria have showed reservations on the formation of an Islamic committee to discuss possible solutions for the Afghanistan issue.

Al Jazirah frontpaged the arrival of the Foreign Minister of Senegal in Jeddah Thursday on a three-day official visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. In a lead story, *Al Medina* reported five countries — Venezuela, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — having announced a \$2-dollar increase in the price of their oil.

Okaz highlighted in a front-page story Saudi Arabia's donation of \$65 million to boost the activities of the Secretary-General of the Jeddah-based Organization of

Islamic Conference (OIC).

The paper also gave front-page play to Mecca Governor Prince Majed's appreciation of the Petroleum projects during an inspection visit to the Jeddah Oil Refinery. Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah's inspection tour of the Guard's camps in Riyadh also was on the front page of *Okaz*.

In a front-page story, *Al Yom* quoted the U.S. State Department sources as saying that the U.S.-French relations are lukewarm as a result of France's decision against consulting its allies before a d'Estaing-Brezhnev meeting was held.

The newspaper editorials reaffirmed the resolutions of the Islamabad conference have made it clear that the Islamic states are no longer afraid of the superpowers.

They now have signed strength as a result of their unity and solidarity and are capable of mapping their own strategy, they said. *Al Jazirah* said in an editorial that the energies and potentialities of the Islamic world have now made it a world power capable of dealing with its issues and problems and taking deterrent measures against any who feel tempted to commit aggression against any of the Islamic states.

The paper reaffirmed the spirit of solidarity that prevailed all through the conference delibera-

tions and the firm resolve to cope with the dangers arising out of the big-power struggle have given the conference a common background from which inspiration could be derived by all the states of the Islamic world. The paper reiterated that the Islamic world is no longer afraid of the superpowers as its common destiny, faith and solidarity have made it a big power capable of charting its own course in the future. The conference resolutions are a reassuring proof of the fact that the Islamic world has accepted the challenges of the superpowers.

Dealing with the Islamabad conference, *Okaz* said the conference's move to lay down appropriate solutions for the Afghanistan problem are entirely in line with the logic of peace and stability for which the Islamic states have been trying to realize. The paper said the formation of a committee to tackle the Afghanistan issue proves that the Islamic states are working with good intentions, addressing the need to show respect to the Afghan people's desire to choose a system of government for themselves without being influenced by any alien trend that infringes on the Islamic character of these people.

The paper reaffirmed that the Islamic states' move in this manner is in perfect harmony with the current international trends that

advocate peaceful solutions to the issue of Afghanistan with act subjecting the Afghan people to any foreign trusteeship.

Al Medina said in an editorial that the Islamic world has developed growing confidence in the Islamic conference because the Islamic states are at the peak

of their solidarity at present. The paper said that the conference's staunch support for the Afghanistan issue and their condemnation of the Jerusalem and Palestine problems provide the characteristic features of the success of any work reinforced with Islamic solidarity. The despotic activities of

the Zionists, colonialists and Communists will be brought to an end because the Islamic world, defending the right and just call, the paper said, Islamic solidarity now has entered a new stage showing deep concern about Soviet occupation of Mu

Afghanistan, it added.



"The municipality's negligence encourages you to rear your sheep here, eh?"

Arabic text in a decorative box.

Abdul Mohsen M. Al-Sudairi

Expanding agricultural in developing countries

BONN, (INP) — The President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Abdul Mohsen M. Al-Sudairi, met with leading government figures in Bonn to review agricultural and development issues. His talks with the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation, Rainer Grosse, and Federal Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer revolved around efforts to double cooperation between and coordination among German bilateral development assistance with the activities of IFAD. Discussions also touched on the upcoming negotiations to expand the capital base of the fund over the next three years.

During his stopover in the Federal Republic of Germany, the IFAD President led his organization, which began its activities in Rome in 1977, gives priority to projects seeking to improve "the income of the poorest people in the developing nations." The emphasis on rural regions has helped increase food production. This is particularly important in view of the widening gap between food requirement and production in Third World nations. Food production in these nations is currently growing only at a 2 percent rate, and the threat to general development posed by this factor is considerable.

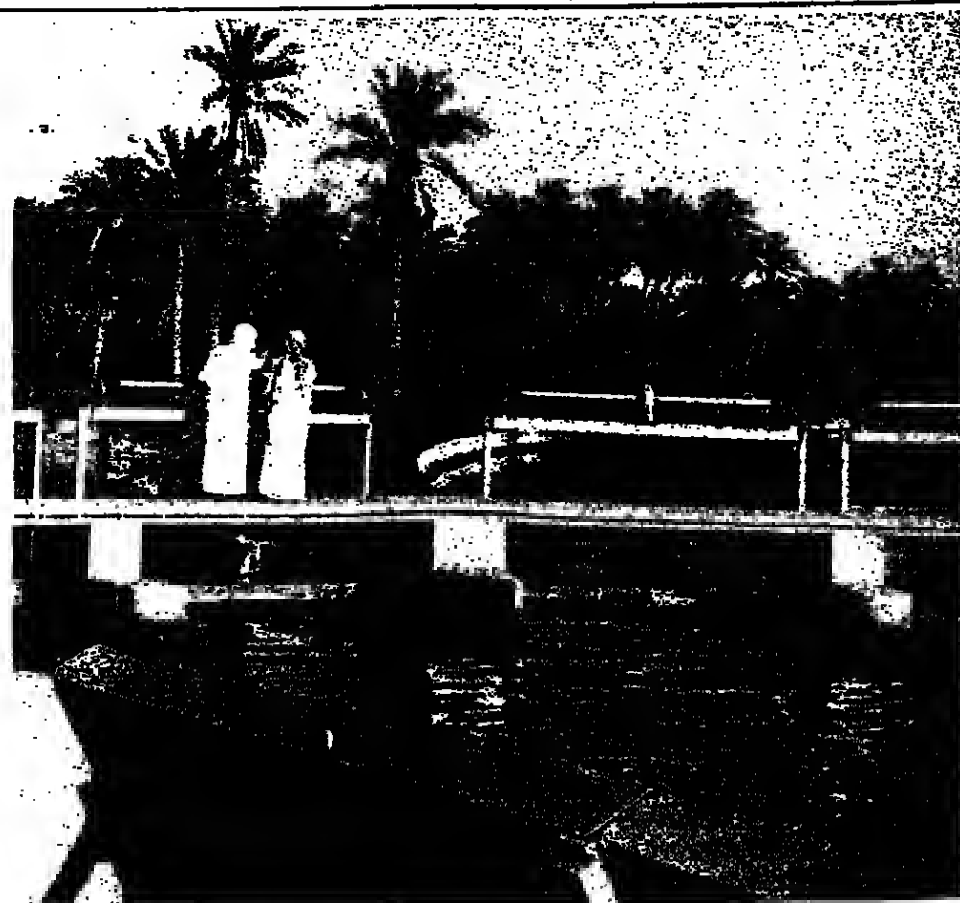
West German development experts stressed the substantial contribution of OPEC nations to the initial equity base of the fund. OPEC nations have provided \$435.5 million of a total of \$1 billion. They also lauded its intent to participate in the planned expansion of the fund's equity, because the fees charged by OPEC nations for crude oil protect the economically weak developing nations. Bonn, too, is prepared to earmark additional financial contributions as investment in the agricultural sector is considered especially urgent task. Along with the

United States, the Federal Republic of Germany is among the major industrial sponsors of the fund, providing \$55 million of the initial equity. Bonn is prepared to provide up to \$75 million over the next years for the expansion of the capital base of the fund.

IFAD is a new kind of organization within the United Nations system. It institutionalized for the first time the cooperative efforts among the OECD, OPEC, and other developing nations. In addition to providing financial assistance to projects organized by other organizations or sponsors, IFAD is also working out a growing number of its own projects. IFAD President Al-Sudairi of Saudi Arabia notes that the Fund has made \$500 million available for the funding of 33 agricultural projects in 29 nations during its first two years. It has also approved funding for another 20 projects involving technical assistance. In a related vein, sources in Bonn point out that government development assistance of the Federal Republic to Third World nations had amounted to DM 6 billion last year. This year figure, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation Offergeld emphasized, marked a 30 per cent increase over the previous level of expenditure. These sums make the efforts of Eastern European countries pale by comparison, and are scheduled for further increases in 1980.



CONFERENCE: A scene from the well-attended Bonn press conference featuring the President of IFAD, Abdul Mohsen M. Al-Sudairi.



CANAL: Here is a scene from agricultural development in the Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia, as a developing country places importance on the development of this sector.

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North Yemen today

A trip to Jebel Isbil and another era

By Rosalind Wade

SANAA — Yemen's latest geological activities are marked by the formation and eruption of numerous volcanoes. Although none of these volcanoes are currently active, many are still "letting off steam", which accounts for the numerous hot mineral springs to be found in the country, and natural steam outlets as those on Jebel al-Lissy and Jebel Isbil.

Throughout history man has appreciated the medical value of these natural phenomena and built up bath houses around them; journeys to 'take the water' were probably as common at the dawn of history as they are today. It will not surprise the reader therefore to learn that there are some 30 such baths in present day Yemen, all having history and prominence at some period.

One of the largest of these volcanoes is Jebel Isbil, which lies to the south-east of Dhamar and towers in a sprawling mass over the Dhamar Plain. To describe it as being vast would be no exaggeration. It is, if you look at it on the map you will see it covers some 63 square kilometres. Claudius Ptolemy, a Greek historical geographer, who lived around the middle of the 2nd century A.D., comments on it being the biggest mountain in the area and marks it on his map of South Arabia. He says little more though. Hamdani (the 10th century A.D. geographer/historian) also mentions it in his *geography of the Arabian peninsula* and confirms its position, but gives little else.

Having such obvious strategic importance, guarding major routes to the east and towering over the main north-south axis of highland Yemen, this was a major venter in antiquity. The Sabaeans and Himyarites made good use of this mountain as evidenced by the numerous inscriptions and reused old stones to be found there. Even the bath house has been constructed entirely out of ancient well cut stones and has three inscriptions incorporated in it.

There are more important urban sites to the north in the tribal area of Hadda: Hammet Killab, Baynun and Naklat Hamra for

example. But it is always tempting to mount the highest summit in the area and see what lies on top.

The main approach is from the southern side, from the Dhamar-al-Bekda road. Shortly before you turn off the main road you have an instant reminder of the tremendous engineering achievements of these ancient peoples. For the road at Kowla cuts through a substantial dam.

One you reach the bowl of Jebel Isbil, the village that you come to is Asakarah. Up until recently all the houses here have been built out of stones taken from ancient sites. It is heartbraking to think how many valuable sites must have been ransacked. But one can certainly sympathize with the builders. Why cut new stones when there are plenty of ruined buildings to take stones from? These ruins were probably unsafe and needed dismantling. The pity is that these buildings were never recorded before they were dismantled. Doubtless this all happened many years ago, when few would have had a conception of recording existing structures prior to demolishing them. Now there is an increasing awareness of the importance of such work and it is hoped that a full documentation program of historic buildings will be set up in Yemen, before too long.

Asakarah seems to rely entirely on agriculture for its existence, other than remittances from Saudi Arabia and Sana'a. The volcanic soil is exceptionally fertile. The broad flat crater bowl provides excellent terrain for farming with such modern aids as tractors. The fields are rainfed and drinking water is collected from the run-off and stored in cisterns. Besides its agriculture Asakarah is renowned for its 'faqih' — learned man — who serves the surrounding population as a healer of snake bites.

Apparently people come from all over Yemen to be cured by him. He has a magical stone that he applies to the wound. The stone is a brownish-yellowish, highly polished quartz. It is square with a central hole and measures about 4cm x 4cm. It resembles a spindle whorl the stone weight used for spinning wool. It was difficult to imagine how the

stone worked. It was very cold to touch, and so perhaps this draws the heat out of the poisonous bites. I was not allowed to photograph the stone because the Faqih was convinced that this would remove the charm it held. He did let me photograph a small alabaster plaque he had, which he said came from Hammet Killab. I felt this was my consolation prize.

The highest point of Jebel Isbil lies at the west end. The baths are to be found to the north of this point, at the north west end of the crater. This is about a quarter of an hour's drive from Asakarah and a further ten minutes walk up a well laid path to the baths. Like the baths on neighbouring Jebel al-Lissy, these are steam baths. The main one has a room above it for visitors to change and rest in. The bath itself seems to be in the bowels of the earth and you have to enter by a series of narrow steps and through a very low door. This opens into a small domed room about 4m square, which has a tiny outlet in the dome. The heat and dampness are terrific and all the walls sweat and are covered in mildew. The extreme heat seems uncomfortable at first, but gradually it becomes very relaxing and you leave feeling thoroughly refreshed and cleansed.

Above the baths, one can see the traces of the ancient settlement, with foundation walls and cistern. This was probably a small fort since one can find breath-taking views from all sides at the summit.

Jebel Isbil is a good day trip from Sanaa and takes between two and a half to three hours, depending on the state of the track. It is definitely a road only suitable for four wheel drive cars, as the basaltic terrain is very tough and rugged. From Dhamar you take the road to Rada'a. Just before Sanaban, at around 32 km from Dhamar you take a track to the left and head towards the south end of the Jebel. Keep on checking that you are on the track for Asakarah. Certainly you are in no danger of missing the Jebel! The dam at Kowla is about 24.3km along the road from Dhamar and to the right of the road. There are plenty of isolated areas for good picnic spots.



BATH HOUSE: Haman on Jebel Isbil. The building is a bath house. Note the re-use of old stones.



INSCRIPTION: Throughout the area, ancient stones with etchings of people and dating back to another era.



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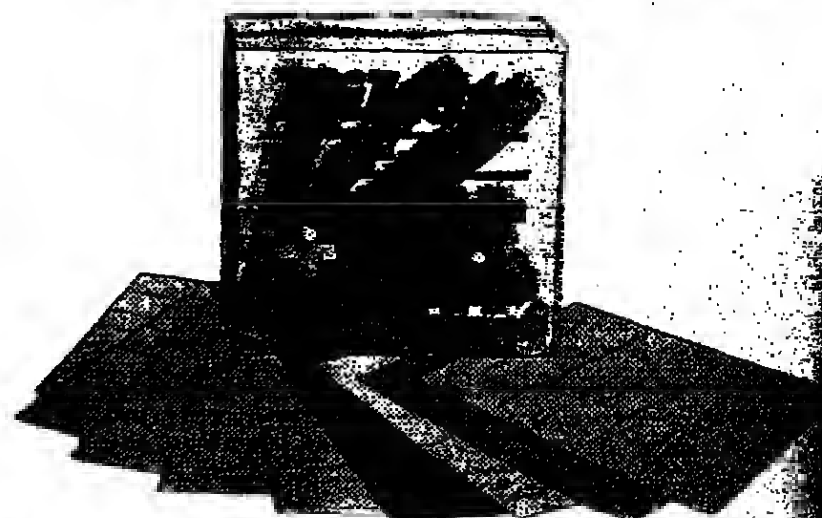
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DAM: A dam at Kowla, near Sanaban. Jebel Isbil is in the background.

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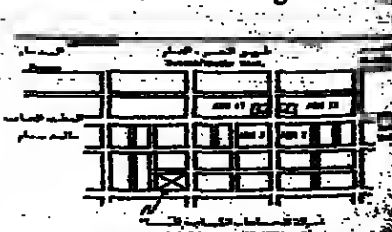


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Nigeria raises oil price \$2 a barrel, report says

NEW YORK, May 23 (Agencies) — Nigeria raised the price of its crude oil \$2 a barrel Thursday, becoming the last major supplier of oil to the United States to take a step, a newsletter reported. *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* said the West African country raised the price of its best oil, known as bonny crude, to \$36.71 a 42-gallon barrel. The increase was effective Thursday. Nigeria is the second-largest supplier of oil to the United States. Last year it shipped about 1 million barrels a day to the United States. In New York, a spokesman for Mobil, a major customer of Nigeria, said Mobil had not been notified of the increase.

Wednesday, Venezuela and Qatar joined the latest round of increases, which began in Saudi Arabia last week and has now spread to all major U.S. suppliers. Analysts expect the price hikes will boost retail prices of gasoline and home heating oil in the United States by as much as 3 cents a gallon. Venezuela, the third-largest supplier to the United States, boosted the price of its oil by \$3.50 a barrel, leaving its highest selling price at \$34.25. When Saudi Arabia, the largest exporter of oil and the biggest U.S. supplier, raised its price by \$2 to \$28 a barrel, the action was interpreted as an effort to move toward a unified pricing system. But actions of the other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have kept the split pricing system. In Paris, British Energy Secretary David Wedderburn said Thursday that an increase in British North Sea oil prices can be expected in the next few days, following the recent OPEC decision. He told journalists after a meeting of the International Energy Agency (IEA) ministers here that the British government has no powers to prevent market

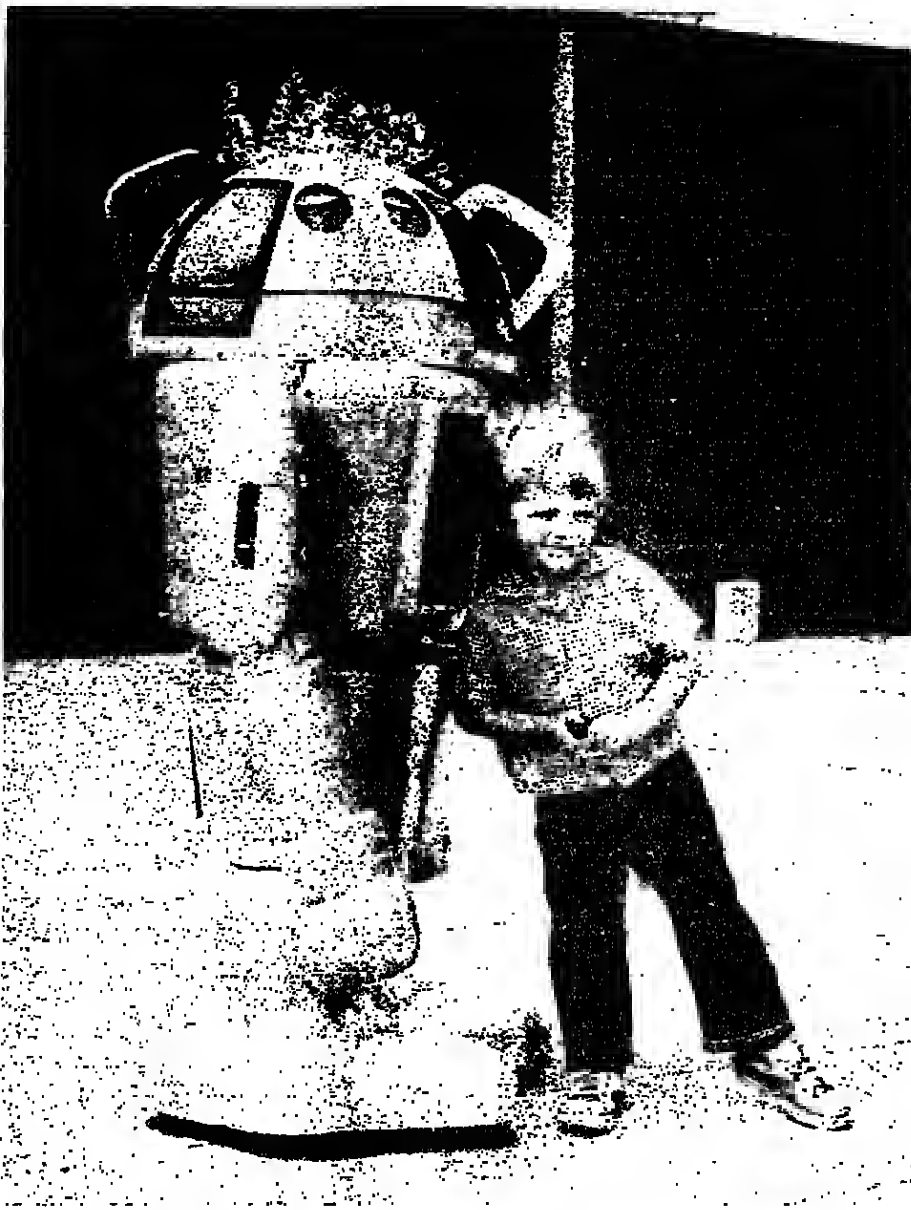
forces pushing up North Sea oil prices. Kuwait's decision to raise its oil price by \$2 a barrel this week was not related to similar decisions by other oil producers, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said in an interview published Thursday.

"There was no connection between Kuwait's decision to raise its oil price and any other similar decision announced before it," the minister told the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Anbaa* and the weekly *Al-Hadaf*. "Our decision arose from our study of the reality of prices and our interest," he added.

When Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, raised its price by \$2 a barrel on May 14, it was quickly followed by Indonesia, Algeria and the Libya, and then all the Gulf producers except Iran.

Kuwait oil now costs \$29.50 barrel, compared with \$28 for Saudi Arabian crude. Meanwhile, East France, the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Commission Thursday came out against oil price controls within the European Economic Community (EEC). The commission's spokesman, Neil Balfour, a British conservative, said such controls could cause distortions outweighing the advantages, but recommended clearer evidence of free market operation and the application of a common energy policy.

Balfour said the Rotterdam, free "spot" market has an important role, particularly in balancing supply and demand. Balfour said the nine EEC countries should move towards harmonizing their oil tax policies, and be noted that in Denmark the taxes on oil amounted to 65 per cent of the consumer price last year. However, Communist, Socialist and French Gaullists criticized the report and attacked the Rotterdam arrangements as a "bad market".



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METAL MICKEY: Television's latest star won't be flashing the popular leather jacket that made America's *Fonzie* a worldwide favorite, but his flashy metal exterior might draw some prime-time double takes. His name is Metal Mickey, a five-foot assortment of metal and nuts and bolts. He will appear shortly on London Weekend Television in a series about a typical London family whose life is unsettled by the arrival of the unorthodox but well-meaning robot. Mickey has been on the drawing boards for more than two years, and he has made short appearances on other British family shows.

15.5% set for prime

Chase lowers lending rate

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Chase Manhattan, the third-largest U.S. commercial bank, cut its prime Thursday from 16.5 to 15.5 per cent, pushing the prime to its lowest level in months.

Bankers Trust Co., the eighth-largest, quickly matched the new rate. Although most banks are currently quoting a prime rate of 16.5 per cent, analysts said they expect the lower rate to spread throughout the banking industry soon. No. 5 Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. Monday lowered its prime to 16 per cent, but no other major banks followed.

The prime — the interest rate banks charge on loans to their most credit-worthy corporate customers — peaked at 20 per cent in early

April and has since been on the decline. The prime is considered a key indicator of trends in all kinds of interest rates because when the prime changes, most other rates do also.

Analysts attribute the recent declines in the prime rate to two main factors — drops in the demands for business loans and declines in open-market interest rates that affect banks' costs for loaning funds.

Business loan demand has been falling for several weeks, in part due to a slowdown in the U.S. economy. In addition, many businesses are bypassing the banks to find lower rates in the commercial paper market, in which large companies issue short-term loans to other companies and large investors.

Dollar falls; gold prices climb

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell against other world currencies Thursday while gold prices rose as much as \$9 an ounce in New York after dropping briefly below \$500 an ounce in Europe. The dollar held steady against most currencies in European trading, but declined later in active trading in New York as some major U.S. banks lowered their prime lending rates to 15.5 per cent.

In New York, the pound sterling rose to \$2.33 from Wednesday's close of \$2.3298. Dealers said the British currency was helped by recent assurances from officials that high British interest rates will not be lowered.

Gold for May delivery gained \$9 an

ounce to close at \$514.50 at New York's Commodity Exchange Inc. At Republic National Bank, the price rose \$6 to \$513 a troy ounce. New York currency dealers said they expect the dollar to continue its downward trend if U.S. interest rates fall further.

In New York trading, the dollar fell to 223.93 yen down from Wednesday's \$224.43. Other late New York dollar rates, compared with Wednesday, were: 1.7888 West German francs, down from 1.7908; 4.1570 French francs, down from 4.1713; and 1.6585 Swiss francs, down from 1.6633. The Canadian dollar strengthened in New York, with the U.S. dollar falling to 1.1609 Canadian dollars from 1.1629 Wednesday.

Market responds to interest drop

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Stock prices rose sharply Thursday. The preliminary industrial average closed at 842.91 up 11.86. Volume increased as some 41,140 million shares changed hands. The drop in interest rates triggered the market increase, analysts said. Chase Manhattan Bank and Bankers Trust, two major banks, lowered their

prime rate from 16.5 to 15.5 per cent. The move was sparked by indications that the discount rate charged by the Federal Reserve may drop from the 13 per cent level. Furthermore, a San Francisco bank reduced its mortgage rate from 3 3/4 to 12 3/4 per cent. At the closing, advances led declines by a 1,094 to 394 margin. EIT issues were unchanged.

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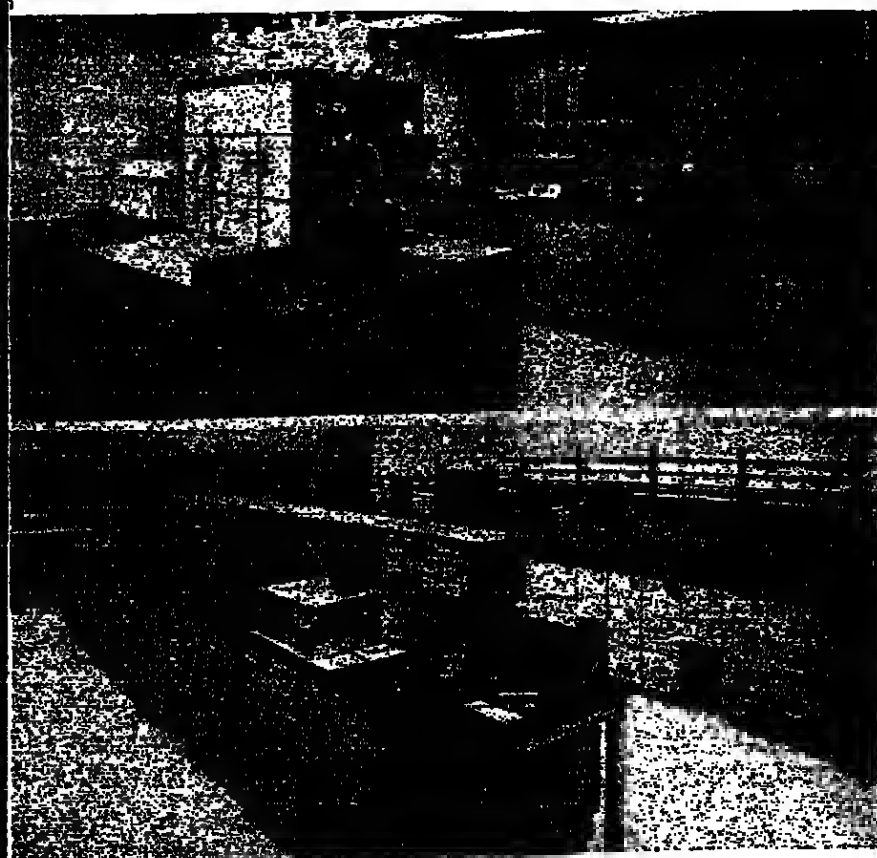
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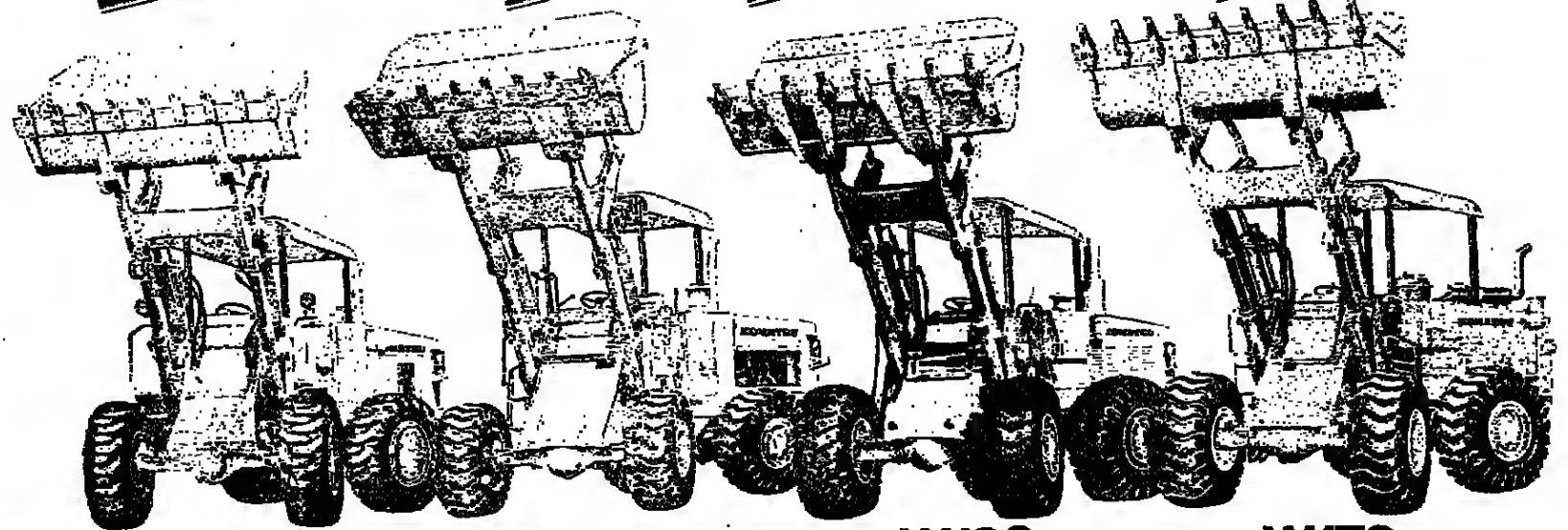
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British measures delayed

Iran leaders silent on EEC sanctions

TEHRAN, May 23 (Agencies) — Iranian leaders have made no public comment on the imposition of economic sanctions Thursday by the European Common Market which they have repeatedly said will not prevent Iran from buying essential supplies.

When the sanctions were announced last weekend government leaders admitted that goods imported through third parties would be more expensive but reiterated that a trade ban would help Iran's drive towards self-sufficiency. There was considerable uncertainty here about the scope of the sanctions imposed in support of United States efforts to secure the release of 53 Americans held hostage in Iran.

Eight Common Market countries Thursday imposed the sanctions with retrospective effect to last Nov. 4, when the hostages were seized. Officials in London said Thursday night that British sanctions would not come into effect for a few days because of technical and practical factors.

The British Foreign Office said sanctions will take effect from midnight on the day that legal orders are signed and will stop the

export of goods to Iran under new contracts. Business under earlier contracts is not covered by the sanctions, a point of controversy between Britain and the United States, and with Britain's partners in the Common Market. They all wanted backdating to Nov. 4.

Big business lobbyists seeking to protect multimillion dollar contracts, persuade House of Commons lawmakers to twist the arm of Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, which originally wanted backdating.

The protest forced the government into an embarrassing about-turn on its agreement with the Common Market in Naples last weekend.

The Iranian authorities, who have quietly taken steps to ensure land transport routes and financial security, appeared to be uncertain of the exact scope of the European measures.

Informed sources said the central bank had asked Iranian commercial banks not to negotiate letters of credit with any bank in a country imposing sanctions. They said this

After latest price hikes

was a precautionary measure taken because it was not clear whether a letter of credit would be viewed as a normal commercial contract or would be exempt from the trade embargo.

Diplomats and economic analysts have said that a ban on European exports of all goods except food and medicine will have little immediate impact on what is already a depressed economy. Supplies of essential goods can be easily found through intermediaries and from friendly countries.

But they have said that, seen as part of growing international economic pressure on Iran, it will heighten the isolation of the economy and make it difficult to import the heavy industrial goods which Iran needs to develop an independent economy.

Canada Thursday extended its trade sanctions against Iran to cover all goods except food and medicine.

The Japanese government said Friday it has decided to freeze temporarily all export contracts to Iran concluded since Nov. 4. The export embargo applies to all contracts except food and medicine, officials said.

Industrial nations ready fuel cutback plans

PARIS, May 23 (AFP) — The leading industrial countries have reacted to the latest rise in oil prices by adopting contingency plans for coordinated cutbacks in demand to meet possible renewed disruptions on the world oil market.

In a laborious compromise, ministers of the 21-nation International Energy Agency

(IEA) opened the door for the introduction of national import ceilings like those agreed for this year, whenever signs develop of a fresh tightening of oil supplies.

In a critical reference to the new price increases last week, the ministers stressed that the rises since the end of 1979 "have occurred despite falling oil demand and appear to have been made without taking into account their adverse impact on the world economy."

Since last week 12 of the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have raised their prices by an estimated five to seven per cent.

U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan told reporters Thursday they could add roughly \$15 billion to the oil bills of importing countries.

Delegates attending the conference stressed the uncertainty prevailing ahead of the meeting of OPEC oil ministers on crude pricing, scheduled to open in Algiers on June 9.

In their final communiqué, the IEA ministers said they agreed that "a smooth medium

term transition away from an oil-based economy, accompanied by stable short-term oil market conditions, as a prerequisite for a prospering world economy in which all nations can pursue economic growth and development."

The transition, they agreed, required stronger efforts by IEA countries to reduce their energy consumption and switch from oil to other resources. But in the meantime they also need "protection against short term market disruptions."

The ministers therefore agreed on procedures for quick reaction to "limit the damaging economic effects of short-term price or volume disruptions."

This will involve the drawing up by the IEA secretariat of annual estimates of the individual member countries' oil requirements. If signs appear of "tight" market conditions, the ministers will meet at "short notice" to take "action as necessary" to prevent what Duncan described as cut-throat competition for scarce oil supplies.

Oil prices may double by 1985, report says

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Petroleum prices may nearly double again by 1985, costing consumers \$ 142 billion and thwarting current efforts by the government to harness inflation, a U.S. congressional study has said.

The report by the U.S. Congressional Budget Office also said the nation's reliance on imports is so great that there may be no economically sound way to achieve energy independence in the near future.

Policymakers may want to put aside the effort, "accept the inherent risks imports pose and prepare for their consequences," the report suggested. The study recom-

mended completion of the U.S. strategic petroleum reserve, policies to bolster the dollar and development of new oil fields.

By the end of 1980's the United States could easily be importing more and producing less oil than today, the report said.

"The real magnitude of the task (of energy self-sufficiency) is only now becoming apparent," it said.

The report said oil prices will likely rise to at least \$ 52 a barrel by 1985, from the late 1979 price of just over \$ 30.

If that happens, consumers in the year 1985 will be paying \$ 142 billion more for petroleum products than they are today, the study said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.34	3.33
Pound Sterling	7.73	7.75	7.48
Deutsche Mark (100)	185.80	184.50	184.30
Swiss F (100)	198.00	191.00	188.60
French F (100)	79.00	81.25	81.30
Italian Lira (10,000)	48.00	48.00	39.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	97.75	97.00	—
Syrian Lira (100)	76.75	87.00	—
Egyptian Pound	4.23	4.37	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25	12.75	—
Jordanian Dinar	11.19	11.21	—
Emirate Dirham (100)	89.60	89.60	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.90	90.90	—
Bahraini Dinar	8.84	8.84	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel (100)	—	—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	73.75	73.25	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.50	81.60	—
Indian Rupee (100)	42.30	42.25	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.90	—
Turkish Lira (1000)	45.45	—	—
Gold kg.	54,300.00	—	—
10 Tola bar	6,370.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.90	15.15	—
Canadian Dollar	2.87	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	160.00	170.00	—
Spanish Peso	50.00	47.00	—
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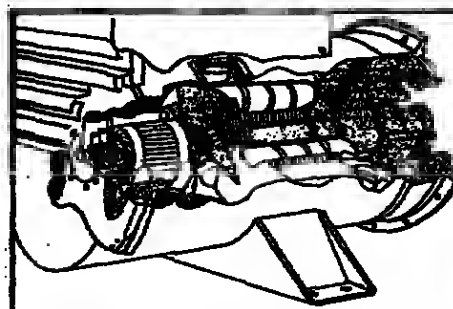
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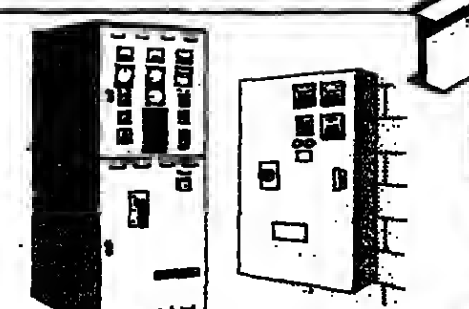
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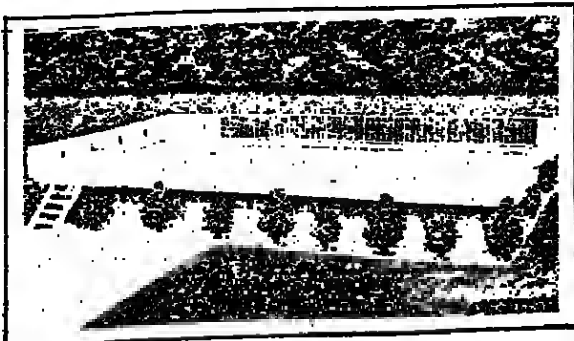
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Moscow Olympics acceptance deadline today; early votes tallied

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Agencies) — The Moscow summer Olympics open July 19, but their day of reckoning is today, the deadline for answering the invitations of the Moscow Organizing Committee.

The United States called in January for a boycott to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the United States Olympic Committee was one of the first to vote a boycott on April 12.

Among the big European states, only the West German Olympic Committee has voted to boycott the Moscow games and in several countries, both in Europe and elsewhere, the National Olympic Committee is for participation while the government demands a boycott.

Israel's Olympic Committee voted Thursday to boycott the games. The committee, composed of 25 representatives from Israel's four sports organizations, voted 17-8 to keep Israeli athletes at home.

Though the government left the decision to the committee, Prime Minister Menachem Begin strongly endorsed President Carter's call to boycott the games.

Australian Olympic officials Thursday decided to send a team to the Moscow Olympics in defiance of their government's call for a boycott. Syd Grange, president of the Australian Olympic Federation, told reporters that the federation had voted six-to-five to accept the invitation to go to Moscow.

The Turkish government Thursday

decided the country would not participate in the Olympic Games at Moscow. The decision took into account the fact that no intention on the part of the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan had been evident, since their occupation of "a friend and brother country," a communiqué issued at the close of a cabinet meeting said. Turkey's National Olympic Committee has yet to declare its position on the Olympics.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry said it also favors boycotting the Moscow Olympics. The Spanish Olympic Committee is to vote today on whether to attend the Olympics.

Luxembourg's National Olympic Committee decided Thursday night to take part in the Moscow Olympics this summer, ignoring government and parliamentary recommendations to boycott the games.

The decision by 3 votes to 4 means that all Common Market Olympic committees except West Germany have ignored President Carter's call to boycott the games.

The Belgian government withdrew all support Thursday to the Belgian Olympic team going to Moscow. In a communiqué, the government said it would not put any pressure on the Belgian Olympic Committee or the athletes going to Moscow, but it said it would withdraw all administrative, diplomatic and financial support to the Belgian team as a result of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The communiqué also noted that the Olympic Games were the cause and occasion

for repression against many Soviet citizens.

The Argentine Olympic Committee said it will boycott the games in Moscow. Argentina's military government had recommended May 8 that the country not participate in the Olympics, and subsequently it said no funds would be provided to send Argentine athletes to the games.

The Olympic committee, headed by Army Col. Antonio Gutierrez, decided Wednesday night to abide by the government recommendation, saying in a communiqué that "national interests must prevail over sports interests."

The Japan Olympic Committee Thursday postponed a decision on whether to take part in the games, but it agreed to send only possible medal winners if it eventually voted in favor of participation.

Zimbabwe may stop all S. African sporting ties after protest move

SALISBURY, May 23 (R) — Premier Robert Mugabe indicated Thursday that newly independent Zimbabwe may sever all sporting ties with South Africa following Wednesday's decision to cancel a British Lions rugby match in Sappuray. A white politician forecast that cancellation of the Lions fixture would turn a crisis of uncertainty among the white minority into a mass exodus from the former British colony.

Mugabe ruled Wednesday that the Lions game, planned for June 10, should be canceled to avoid prejudicing Zimbabwe's par-



TOUR OF ITALY: Bernard Hinault of France in action during Tuesday's fifth lap against the clock at the Tour of Italy cycling race in Pisa.

Australian NOC to defy government boycott call

MELBOURNE, May 23 (AFP) — Australian athletes will compete in the Moscow Olympic Games in defiance of the wishes of the Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's government. The Australian Olympic Federation (AOF) executive committee voted Friday by the narrowest of margins 6-5, to accept the invitation to go.

A bitterly disappointed Fraser later expressed his "profound regret" over the decision, taken by the AOF executive after a four-hour meeting in Melbourne — host city to the 1956 Olympic Games.

AOF President Syd Grange told a press conference, which was televised nationally, that the decision had been taken after a long and "very critical" discussion. He said it was the intention of the Australian team to march, carry the Australian flag, and observe all the usual formalities at the games. But he expressed concern about the AOF's ability to provide finance for the athletes.

"It means we will have to use all the available reserves we have to finance the team and the cost of sending a team to Moscow is very, very high," Grange said.

The government had donated half a million dollars to the AOF but said it was not to be spent on sending athletes going to Moscow. Labor Party opposition leader Bill Hayden

applauded the AOF decision and pressed for a "not a little bullying" from the federal government.

"What they have done is, in my view, a wise decision that could have been taken by the Olympic Games are to go ahead," Prime Minister Fraser, who conducted a single-minded campaign all year to persuade the AOF to support American boycott of the games, said he not take the decision as a personal rebuff.

"I pray that those Olympians who go to Moscow will not pay the price many of those who went to the Berlin Olympics paid in the world war started in 1939," Fraser said. "And I pray that the Soviet Union will interpret this and other decisions of Olympic federations around the world as a weakness of the Western world as Nazi Germany."

Grange said there had always been a conflict for the federation between loyalty to government and amateur sport. One of the problems the executive faced was to reconcile the two.

"That was not an easy task," he said. Grange predicted that by today the decision for acceptances to be made, there were more than 100 nations going to Moscow. He added that by comparison 84 nations took part in the Montreal games.

Fire damages yachting regatta

MOSCOW, May 23 (R) — Fire damaged communications gear installed for this summer's Olympic yachting regatta in Tallinn, Soviet Estonia, according to local officials. The officials, speaking to Western reporters who visited the Baltic Sea port, denied rumors circulating in Tallinn and Moscow that the fire was an act of sabotage by Estonian nationalists.

A senior member of the regatta organizing committee told Reuters Thursday that at the just-completed television test, the city went up in flames last night, putting out of action the equipment that will link officials' boats in the bay of the city with the yachting center at Pärnu.

Baseball Roundup

Rangers overcome Angels 12-6

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — Buddy Bell smacked two homers and drove in four runs, and two Texas Pitchers teamed for a club record 15 strikeouts as the Rangers defeated the California Angels 12-6 Thursday night.

Reliever Danny Darwin struck out six of the first eight batters he faced and his total of 10 in six innings combined with five by starter Jon Matlack as the Rangers ended a three-game losing streak at the hands of the Angels.

Matlack left in the third after Al Cowens' three-run double gave the Angels a 6-4 lead but Texas scored six times in the fourth, including a two-run homer by Bump Wills. Mickey Rivers ripped a three-run double in the second inning.

Only six games were on a slim Thursday night schedule that may make the last major league baseball for a while. The players were scheduled to strike, starting with Friday's games, in a dispute with the owners primarily over compensation for free agents.

New York rookies Joe Lefebvre and Mike Griffin made it a night to remember in any event. Lefebvre hit a game-tying home run in the seventh inning for his first major league hit and Griffin buried seven strong innings for his first victory as the Yankees defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1. Bobby Brown broke a 1-1 tie when he keyed a four-run eighth inning with a two-run double. In other American League games, the Kansas City Royals pounded the Oakland A's 16-3 and the Baltimore Orioles downed the Detroit Tigers 5-1.

John Wathan drove in four runs — three with a fourth-inning homer — while Clint Hurdle, Frank White, Darrell Porter and U.L. Washington each drove in two as the Royals crushed the A's with a 17-hit attack. They scored four runs in the first inning and eight more in the fourth.

Scott McGregor allowed only one hit after yielding a home run to Detroit's Steve Kemp in the first inning and pitched the Orioles over the Tigers. The Orioles went ahead 2-1 the second inning when Detroit shortstop Alan Trammell bobbled a potential inning-ending double-play ball with the bases loaded and had to settle for a force at second.

Only two games were scheduled in the National League. Pinch hitter Dave Winfield slammed a solo home run off Pittsburgh relief ace Kent Tekulve to trigger a three-run ninth-inning rally that gave the San Diego Padres a 6-4 victory over the Pirates.

After Winfield tied the score, Ozzie Smith singled, stole second and scored on a single by Jerry Humphrey, who took second on the throw to the plate, moved to third on a grounder and scored on Jerry Turner's single. Steve Nicosia and Lee Lacy homered for the Pirates.

Meanwhile, Craig Reynolds and Cesar Cedeno homered as the Houston Astros mounted a 17-hit attack and downed the New York Mets 8-5. Cedeno's fifth-inning two-run homer gave Houston a 5-2 lead and came off loser Kevin Kobel, the second of five New York pitchers. Reynolds connected off Mark Bombardieri in the first inning.

Baseball Standings

National League					American League				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
East					East				
Pittsburgh	21	13	.618	—	New York	22	14	.611	—
Philadelphia	17	15	.531	3	Toronto	19	16	.543	3½
Montreal	17	16	.515	3½	Boston	19	18	.514	2½
Chicago	15	18	.455	5½	Milwaukee	16	18	.471	5
St. Louis	14	22	.389	8	Baltimore	17	21	.447	6
New York	13	21	.382	8	Detroit	16	20	.444	5
					Cleveland	15	20	.429	6½
West					West				
Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—	Chicago	22	16	.579	—
Houston	21	15	.583	2½	Kansas City	21	16	.568	1½
Cincinnati	21	16	.568	3	Oakland	20	18	.526	2
San Diego	19	19	.500	5½	Texas	19	18	.514	2½
San Francisco	16	22	.421	8½	Seattle	19	20	.487	3½
Atlanta	13	21	.382	9½	California	16	20	.444	6
					Minnesota	16	22	.421	9
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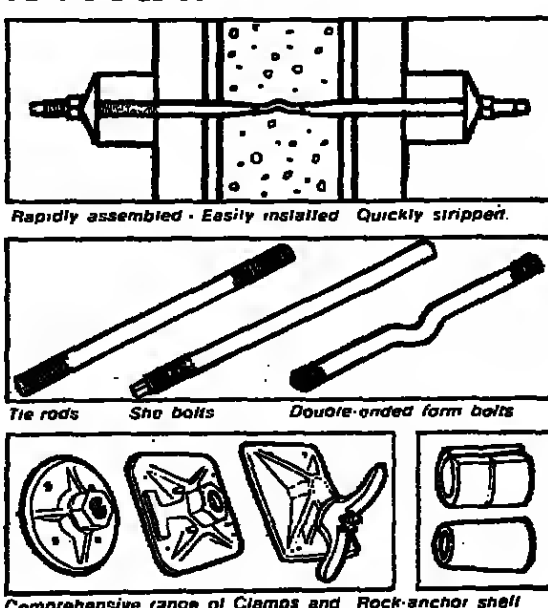
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Greek club president gets year term for bribery

ONICA, Greece May 23 (AP) — A court Friday sentenced the president of the first division Iraklis Soccer team of Athens to three years imprisonment for bribery while two accomplices got two years.

The prosecution charged that Constantine Kostas, together with a member of the board, Nicholas Nikolaides and Rita Papadopolou, attempted last week to bribe Paok, another Salonica soccer club, to sabotage his team's defense in a leg semi-final match between the two

clubs in the Greek soccer league.

The player was given a downpayment of \$2,500 against a total payoff of 500,000 drachmas (10,000 dollars), but his club informed police, who arrested Hadzipapadopolou handing the money over, authorities said.

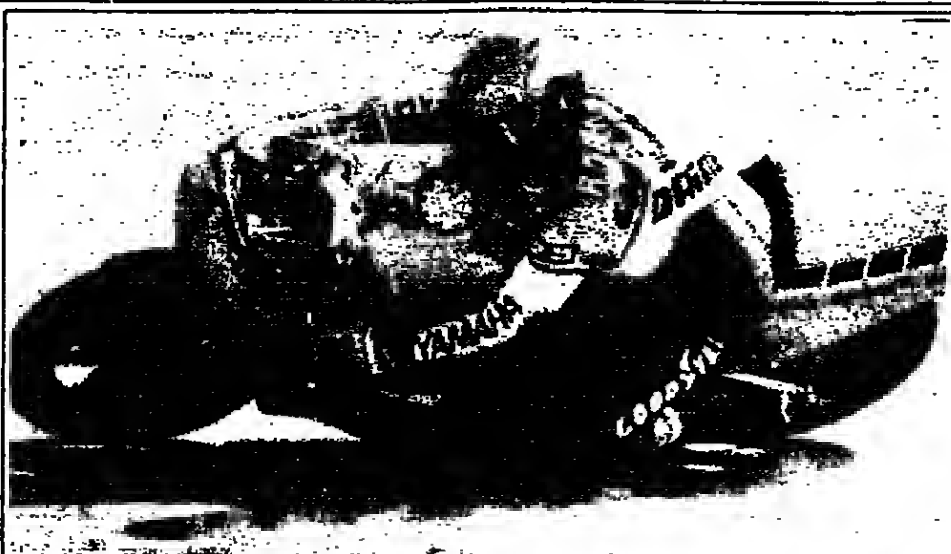
The three were also given stiff fines. Iraklis is now facing the possibility of demotion to the second division. It was the second recent soccer scandal in Europe. Last Sunday, the Italian soccer league handed down suspensions to 10 players and a club official who participated in a scheme to fix games.

Beckenbauer to stay with Cosmos

YORK, May 23 (AP) — Franz Beckenbauer, who led West Germany to the Cup in 1974 and the Cosmos to consecutive league titles in 1977 and 1978, has agreed to remain with the North American Soccer League club through 1982. Beckenbauer was expected to sign a new contract Friday or today ending a season that he would return to play in

West Germany after the NASL season. Beckenbauer was not available to comment on the report.

The 34-year-old Beckenbauer joined the Cosmos in 1977, signing a four-year contract valued at \$2.8 million dollars. His contract expires in October. The new contract is expected to be the most lucrative ever offered by the Cosmos.



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Wales' highest priced teenager starts play

LONDON, May 23 (AFP) — Teenager Ian Rush was expected to play his first full game for Wales in the Tall Home International against Northern Ireland at Cardiff Friday night. Rush, who became Britain's most expensive teenager last month when Liverpool bought him for more than \$

600,000 from Chester made his debut in the 1-0 defeat in Scotland Thursday night when he appeared as a substitute for the injured Ian Walsh.

Welsh manager Mike England delayed naming his team until Friday morning to give

New Zealand takes cricket victory

LONDON, May 23 (R) — New Zealanders Lance Cairns inspired the minor counties to an historic victory in English cricket's Benson and Hedges Cup Thursday.

Cairns scored 54 and took the vital wicket of South African Mike Procter as the minor counties — a combined side — gained their first win in the limited overs competition by beating Gloucestershire by three runs. Former test all-rounder Cairns, who now plays for Durham guided the counties 11 to 212 for eight in the quota of 55 overs. His innings included three sixes and five fours.

He followed up by dismissing Procter, who hit 45, and the counties clinched success by taking the last Gloucestershire wicket with the final possible ball. South African Vincent Van Der Bijl, playing his first season for Middlesex, helped them to beat Kent by 80 runs. He hammered 49 in 19 balls as Mid-

dlesex scored 213 for eight and then checked Kent's victory bid by bowling seven overs for a mere 10 runs and one wicket.

In other English cricket, West Indies lost their first three wickets for only 21 runs on a morning of shocks against Essex when the two sides met in the first of their two 50-over matches at Chelmsford Thursday.

The collapse began after opener Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes had scored 20 from the first seven overs from John Lever and Barry Sainsbury.

Then medium pace man Keith Poul replaced Sainsbury and dramatically picked up two wickets in his opening over.

\$200,000 Italian Tennis Open Vilas ousts Pfister in Rome

ROME, May 23 (AP) — Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina cruised into the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 Italian Tennis Open Thursday, but it was the losing bid of a 16-year-old French player that drew the sympathy from often unruly spectators.

Vilas, showing the form of his great year in 1977, whipped Hank Pfister of the United States 6-4, 7-5 in a battle of booming ground strokes from the baseline. The Argentine, ranked fifth in the world, is paired against Mexican veteran Raul Ramirez, who defeated Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina in a tense match decided on two breaks 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. With the clay courts at the Foro Italico dampened by two days of rain, Vilas held back any prediction.

"The ball is heavy and the courts are very slow," he said. "It's not an easy tournament." It's been a tough one for American entries,

with Eddie Dibbs, seeded fourth, the second U.S. player to drop out because of injuries. He pulled a muscle while playing Yannich Nnah of France and withdrew with the score 0-6, 0-1 against him. Gene Mayer fractured an ankle Wednesday.

The notorious center-court Boobbirds at the Italian Open are getting their usual workout. They warned up during matches by local idol Adriano Panatta, but with his elimination have turned their attention on the only remaining Italian, Corrado Barazzutti, or more to the point, his opponents.

Police were sent into the stands Wednesday when a group of unruly spectators tossed coins onto the clay court during Barazzutti's match with Chile's Gildemeister. The Chilean spat twice toward the crowd, sat on his racket and turned his back on Barazzutti, further heating the crowd.

Then, angered by a line call reversed against him, he gave up resistance and fired easy lobbs as Barazzutti captured the final three points of the match. Some players appear to thrive on the circus-like atmosphere at center court. American star Vitas Gerulaitis, who enjoys a reputation among Romans as a playboy, never appeared bothered by the cat-calls that inevitably come when facing an Italian opponent.

In other tennis action, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany upset former Wimbledon champion Virginia Wade of Britain 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, eliminating the British team from the Federation Cup women's team tennis world championship Thursday.

Earlier, Boudna Bunge had brushed aside Sue Barker 6-2, 6-0 for the go-ahead point for West Germany. Wade took the first set as Hanika ran into trouble early in the set. She only managed one game and could not rally in the third although taking an early 4-1 lead and having a match point leading 5-4 with advantage on Hanika's service.

Hanika, the 20-year-old German left-hander, saved her service and broke Wade in the 11th game of the deciding set serving for the match in the 12th.



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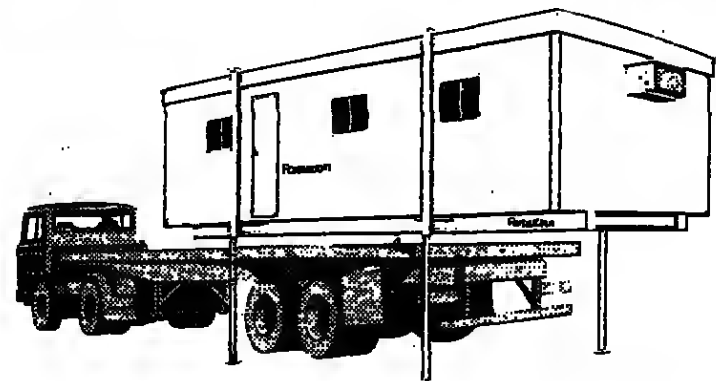
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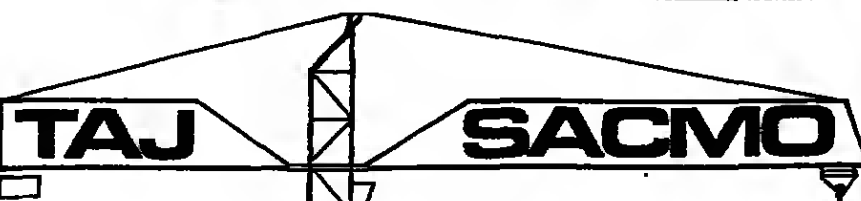
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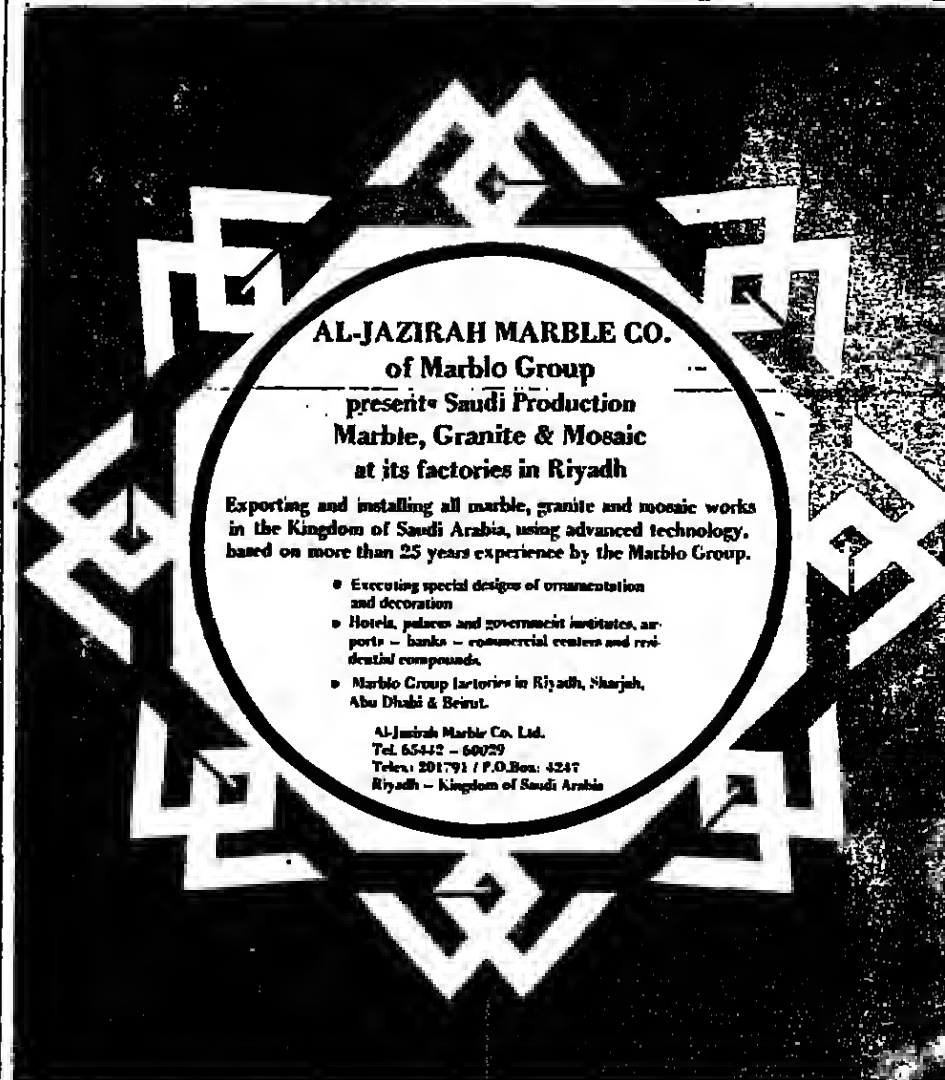
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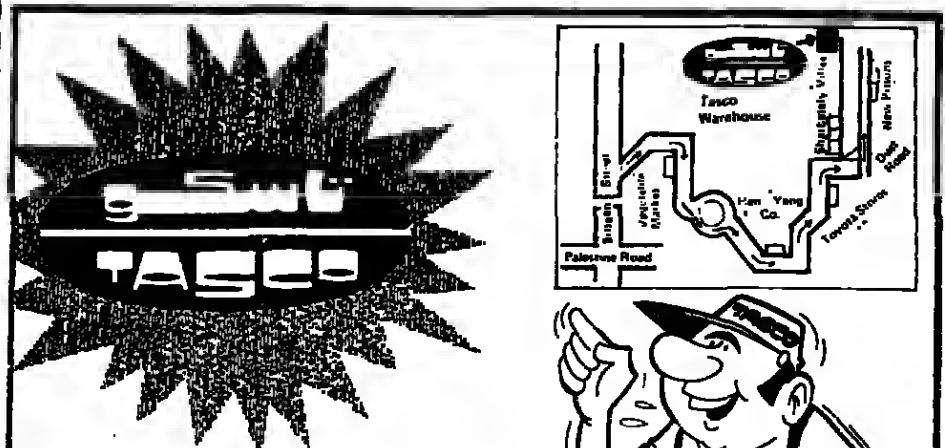
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International

64 dead, 400 wounded

Angry Kwangju gropes for calm

KWANGJU, South Korea, May 23 (AP) — Citizens of Kwangju began clearing the streets of debris Friday while insurgent leaders called for a surrender of looted firearms in moves to restore order in the wake of South Korea's bloodiest civil disturbances in 20 years.

Amid mounting concern over a possible food shortage, leaders of the thousands of demonstrators who seized this southern provincial capital two nights ago were expected to meet again with martial law authorities to discuss amnesty and other demands.

The city of 800,000 remained under control of the citizens' groups and students who staged the insurrection after the Seoul government's martial law crackdown last weekend.

Confirmed casualties rose to at least 64 dead. A spokesman for a citizens committee said the figure probably was closer to 80. More than 400 wounded and injured were counted at four local hospitals.

A semblance of order was established overnight by the assignment of some 3,000 youths, most with military training, to the streets in lieu of police and paratroopers who were forced earlier to withdraw from Kwangju.

Even so, there was sporadic firing, believed to be coming from radicals who were ignoring the pleas of citizens committee leaders to turn in weapons stolen earlier from police and military posts, and six to eight new deaths

were reported. As of Friday, some 1,500 weapons reportedly had been surrendered, leaving 2,500 or more still unaccounted for.

Leaders of the citizens committee resumed talks with martial law authorities on a list of demands presented by the insurgents on Thursday for restoring local peace. The demands include release of those arrested, compensation for families of dead and wounded, pledged by the government to withhold troops until order is established, apologies for "excessive measures" by paratroopers who tried to quell the original uprising, a public acceptance of official blame for the Kwangju riots and airing of a "true account" of what happened.

Martial law authorities were reported to have agreed to accept some of those terms and to study others, but the situation was clouded on Friday when demonstrating leaders said the demands also included the dismissal of Gen. Chun Doo-Hwan, the country's military strongman and chief of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Chun's resignation, along with an end to martial law and acceleration of promised reforms, was among the demands of student groups whose campus demonstrations triggered South Korea's present crisis.

One leader, a university professor who asked that he not be identified by name, confirmed that Chun's removal from office was one of the demands. "We will fight until the last one if Chun does not resign," a youthful

worker in Kwangju told a reporter.

A handful of civilian foreigners, including some missionaries, were taken from Kwangju to a nearby Korean air force base.

Some 200 busloads of Kwangju protesters demonstrated on the highway several miles from the base on Thursday. Witnesses said five Korean army tanks were posted along the road which leads south toward Naju and Mokpo, smaller cities to which the Kwangju revolt reportedly had spread.

In Kwangju itself, residents appeared to be generally in support of the demonstrators and of the efforts by citizens committees — at least three in number — to restore order.

Much of the criticism centered on what people described as brutal actions by the paratroopers who moved in on Monday to suppress what at first were non-violent protests.

Witnesses have said many persons were bayoneted and beaten, and on Wednesday the troops were said to have fired on demonstrators, killing at least 11.

"The citizens uprising was because of the troops," said a woman in her 40's. "We are afraid of when the paratroopers come back. There are so many bodies in town they can't bury them, because there are not enough coffins."

The principal citizens committee was composed of 26 members chaired by a lawyer and including four professors, several clergymen, five businessmen and other prominent local persons. Another committee, made up of students, was operating out of the provincial headquarters.

One spokesman said local people were tuning in to North Korea's radio Pyongyang because they could not pick up any South Korean news broadcasts about the insurrection.

Local newspapers were not publishing and communications, between Kwangju and Seoul, 250 kilometers to the north, were shaky.



DEFEAT: Quebec Premier Rene Levesque holds his head during a speech conceding defeat in a referendum this week on independence from Canada.

Kabul girls injured in demonstration

NEW DELHI, May 23 (Agencies) — Between 10 and 20 schoolgirls were injured in clashes with police during anti-Soviet demonstrations in Kabul Thursday, travelers arriving from the Afghan capital said Friday. They said girls had been demonstrating for the past three days against the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan.

The travelers were unable to confirm earlier reliable reports which said four schoolgirls and three policemen were killed on Tuesday.

But they said that 10 to 20 girls from the Malalai High School had been taken to hospitals after clashing with police Thursday. Shooting was heard in Kabul during the demonstrations, but it was not known whether schoolgirls taken to hospitals had bullet wounds.

Fifty-six people, including 36 schoolgirls, were killed in week-long anti-Soviet demonstrations last month, according to travelers.

Other exchanges of gunfire were heard the past few days in the outskirts of the mile-high capital and a huge column of smoke rose Tuesday over the northern suburb of Khair-Khanna, which is near three camps set up for the Russian troops that started entering Afghanistan last December, the traveler said. Residents saw two burned out Soviet fuel tank trucks and rumors spread that they had been ambushed by rebels, an informant said.

Europeans' bill free at parley on U.S.-Iranian ties

LONDON, May 23 (AP) — The Iranian government is inviting European lawmakers on an all-expenses-paid trip to Tehran for a conference on the last 25 years of U.S.-Iran relations.

The move, announced to a meeting of members of parliament of Britain's opposition Labor party Thursday night, was reported Friday by the Daily Mail.

The Conservative newspaper quoted Laborite officials as saying they think that the Iranians want to make friends and isolate the United States to counter international hostility over the holding of American hostages.

The invitations, dispatched from the Iranian Embassy, also went to the governing Conservative party. Other Iranian missions in Europe invited European Parliament members and lawmakers throughout the nine-nation European Common Market.

Iran Friday observed a "day of support for the revolt of American blacks," Radio Tehran said.

National mobilization headquarters called on Iranians to demonstrate in their towns in support of "the courageous revolt of black American victims of capitalism and racism."

In the capital, there was to be a march to the University of Tehran from the "nest of spies," the former U.S. Embassy, the radio said quoting a government communiqué.

American blacks were involved in race riots in the southern city of Miami last weekend which left at least 18 people dead and more than 200 injured.

Syrian diplomat Adib Danudy was to meet in Geneva Friday afternoon with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in the latest round of U.N. efforts to free the hostages. Danudy declined giving details of the meeting.

Danudy visited Iran in March as a member of the five-man U.N. commission to hear Iran's grievances against the United States. But the mission failed when the commission was refused permission to see the hostages.

Danudy did not say why he thought this upcoming mission would have a better chance of success.

Mediterranean village hosts festival of Europe's gypsies

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — The little Mediterranean town of Les Saintes Maries de la Mer becomes the temporary gypsy capital of the world this weekend. Some 15,000 gypsies come from all over Europe to pay homage to their patron saint, St. Sara.

Thousands of "Gadjé," as they call non-gypsies, will crowd the town to watch and photograph what is part religious pilgrimage, part carnival, part tourist attraction.

In past years, the gypsies spent weeks in "Saintes" at festival time. Now they tend to move out quickly, disliking the gawking crowds, though willing to entertain them briefly for profit.

Gypsies — Gitans, Manouches, Sintis and Roms, the four major ethnic gypsy groups — come from France, Italy, Spain, West Germany and even the United States and Eastern Europe to pay homage to St. Sara, their patron. The dark, incense-filled crypt of the tiny town church comes aglow with the light of hundreds of tall white candles, set before the statue of the black Virgin.

They file in silently, dark-skinned young men with jet black hair, fair-skinned women in colorful blouses, grandmothers with kerchiefs and long dresses, earrings, necklaces and rings.

Then the singing, dancing and bullfighting and racing of horses to the sea begins. The 100-year-old Saintes-Maries festival is a time for scattered gypsy families and friends to meet and renew ties.

Outside the church, while visitors camp on tourist sites usually hanned to gypsies, gypsy trucks and trailers crowd on land set aside for them. The day after the festival they are evicted.

In most of Europe, gypsies are still targets of discrimination and ostracism. In urbanized societies too little effort is made to allow them to both integrate and maintain their special way of life, say experts who have studied their conditions.

Their economic, social and legal position has greatly improved since World War II, to repay a debt of conscience for the deportation and massacre of 300,000 to 600,000 gypsies in Nazi concentration camps.

Thai princesses touring France

PARIS, May 23 (AFP) — The daughters of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej saw a Renault car assembled by robots Thursday at Flins, west of Paris.

Princess Sirindhorn, 25, and Princess Thulabhorn, 23, showed great interest in the working conditions at the factory.

Then the princesses visited Versailles Palace where for more than an hour they listened to a talk about the influence of kings Louis 14th, 15th and 16th as patrons of the arts.

Princess Thulabhorn expressed admiration

There are gypsies who drive Mercedes cars and travel in modern, fully equipped trailers. Others have settled in the Mediterranean coast or modest suburban areas.

Peddlers have become second-hand dealers, market merchants and truck Metal workers and knife sharpeners become scrap metal dealers. Basket and coppersmiths have organized themselves to sell to wholesalers or large retailers.

Some gypsies have become renowned artists — the guitarist Ma Platas, the musical Reyes family French circus family Bouglione.

Many, however, find it difficult to modern life. Adaptation is faster as change centuries-old prejudice, and national bodies help.

The United Nations established a committee in 1977 to study the conditions gypsies and their rights. Many gypsies seek U.N. recognition as a national out a country.

With an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 gypsies, Spain has the largest gypsy population in Europe, and gypsies comprise entire population of some towns in Andalusia and Catalonia.

Denmark, on the other hand, permits to enter only for three months as although some have been granted as political refugees from Poland and Slovakia. Italy's 60,000 gypsies face a threat of harassment because of law permit local governments to evict campsites.

Other large gypsy populations: 10,000 in Belgium, 30,000 to 40,000 in Germany, 25,000 each in Switzerland, the Netherlands, and 120,000 to 200,000 in France.

Despite problems, many Westerners say life is better than in Eastern Europe where governments are determined to late them.

Mateo Maximoff, a gypsy evangelist who travels often in Eastern Europe, says it is more difficult to be a gypsy in Europe because they can't travel without putting a bird in a cage.

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